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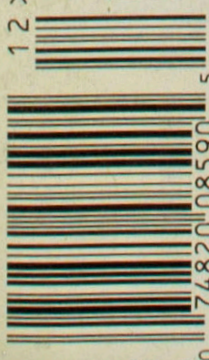
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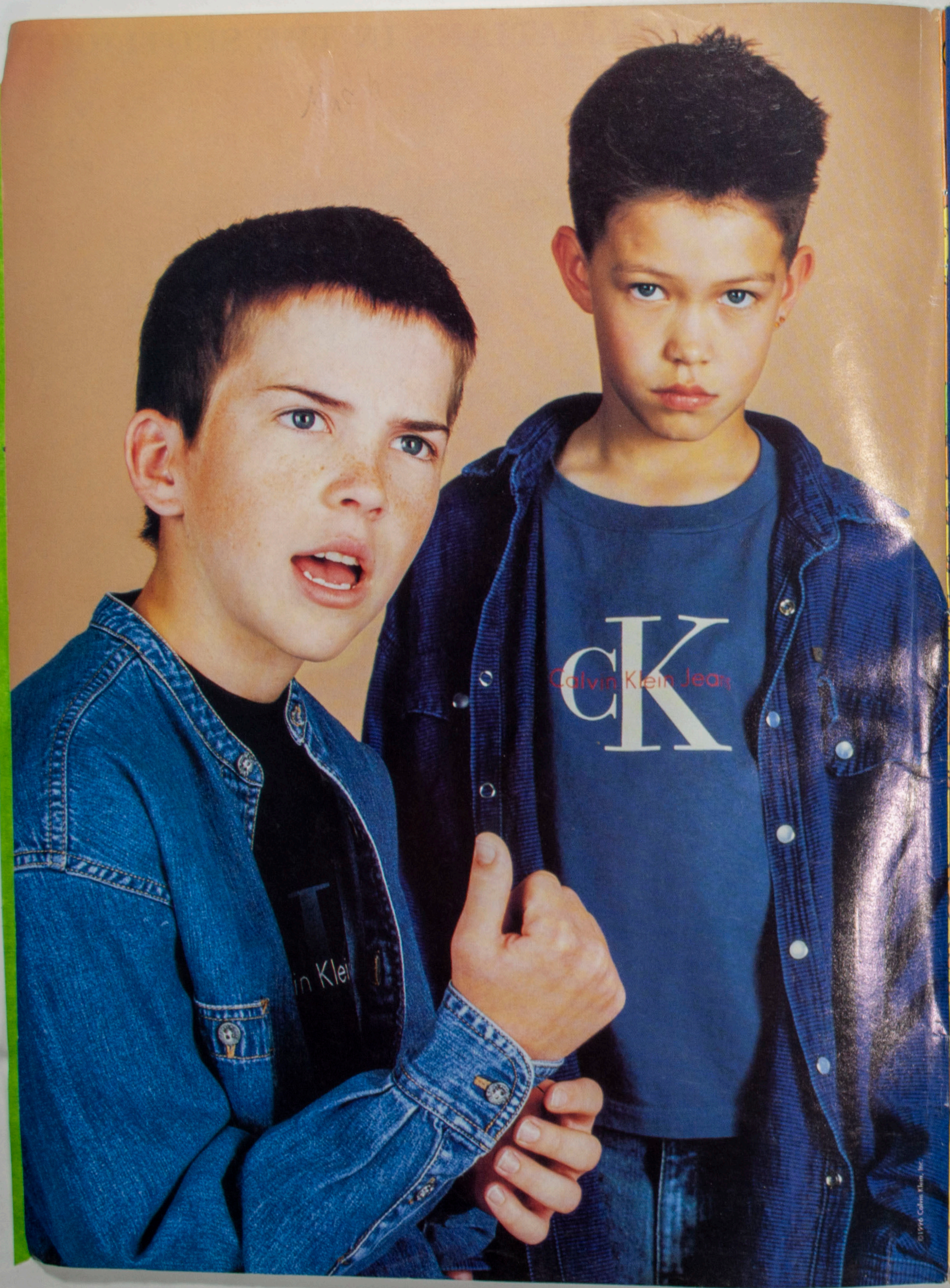


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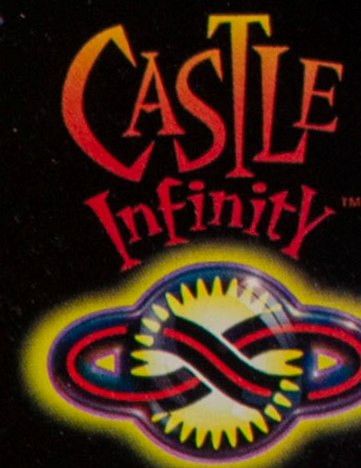
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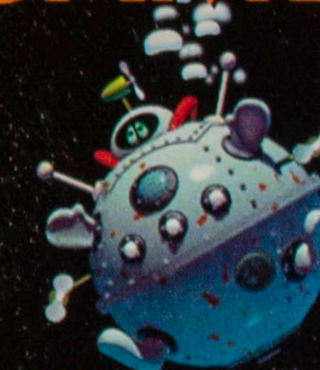
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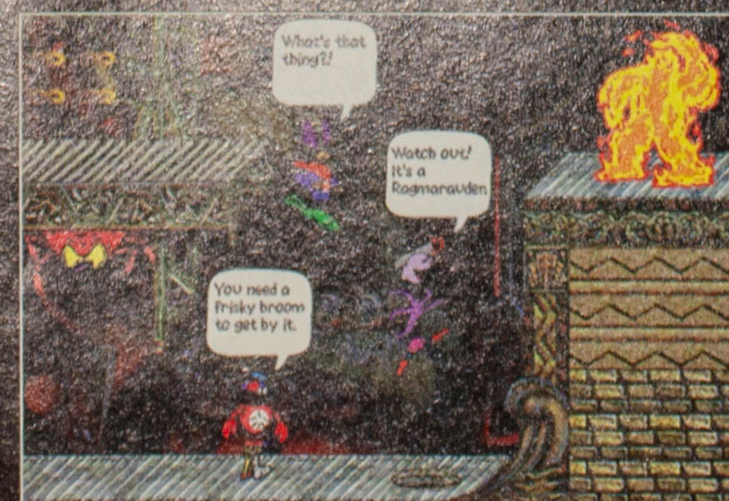
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Letters to the Editors

Dear Nick Mag,
Why don't you ever have coloring contests?
Jennifer K., age 11
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Jennifer,
We red your letter and are glad hue wrote. We have one point to make: Lots of our contests do involve coloring (like when we asked you to design your own postcard). Orange you glad you know that now?

Dear Nick Mag,
I like your special pull-outs, but you hardly ever put them in the magazine. Could you do something about that?
Jenny F., age 11
Canfield, Ohio

Dear Jenny,
For you, anything! May we present you with two sheets of holiday gift wrap (look before and after the Comic Book) to be pulled out, put on, and then pulled off!

Dear Nick Mag,
If the laughs I get from your magazine were gasoline, I would have enough to drive around the world twice!
Drew F., age 11½
Kennesaw, Georgia

Dear Drew,
Funny you should mention that. We have an EPA rating of 55 lpi (laughs per issue). We guarantee at least 50 city and 60 haway every month. That's pretty good smileage.

Dear Nick Mag,
Is Zelda Van Gutters Nick Mag's only roving reporter?
Michelle D., age 10
La Jolla, California

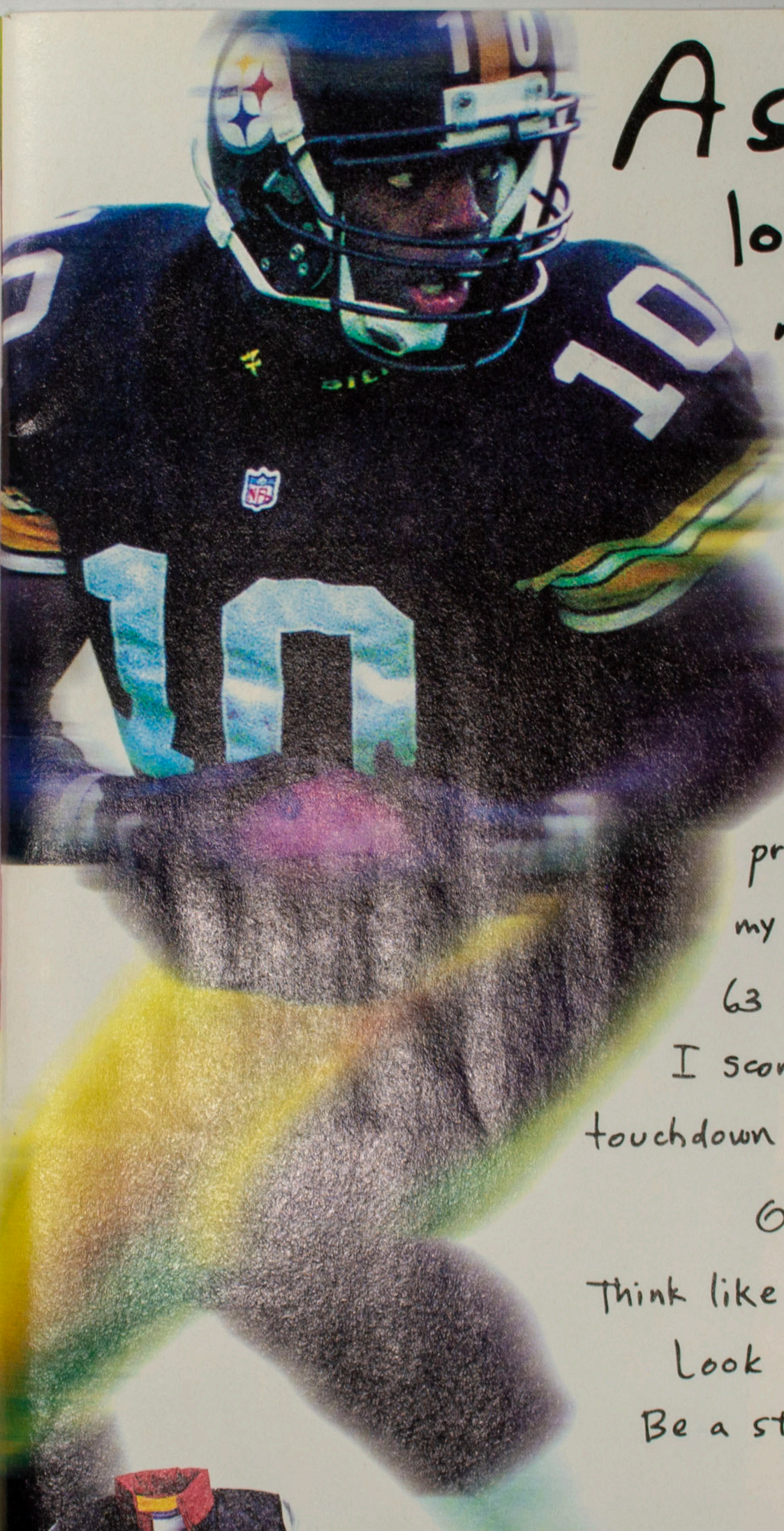
Dear Michelle,
Yes, Zelda is our only roving reporter, but since she works so doggedly, we think she's all we need.

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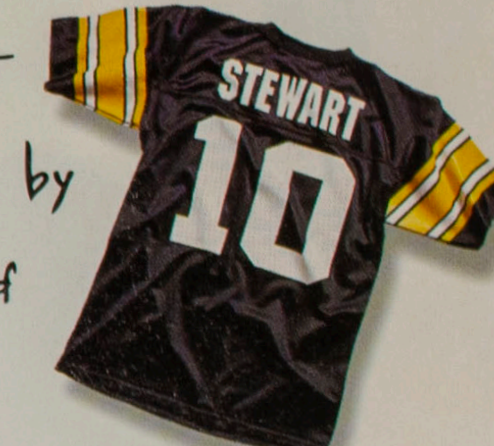
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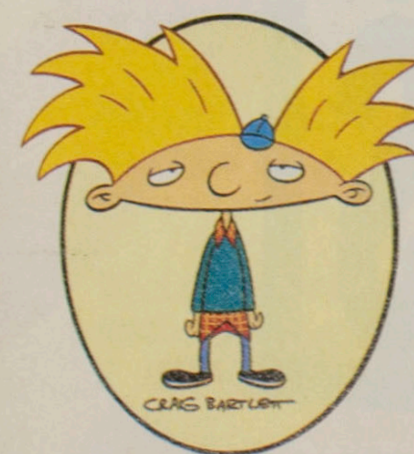
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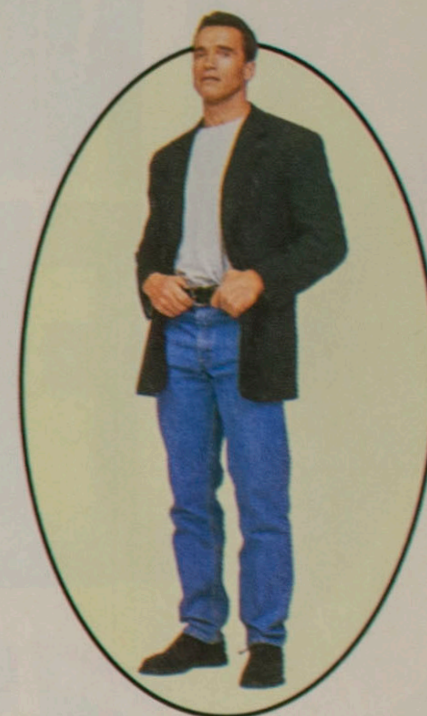
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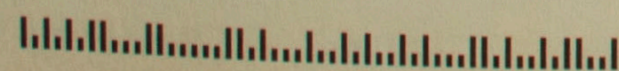
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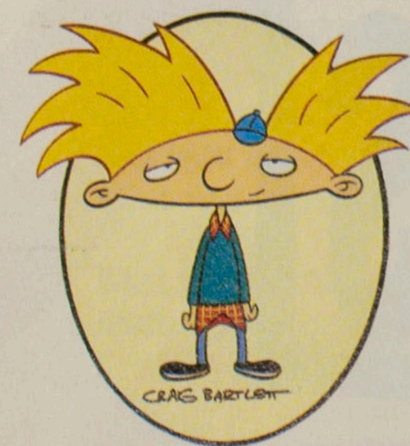
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- ☐ Our cross street's name was temporarily changed from West 44th Street to "Caveman Way."
- ☐ Zelda Van Gutters appeared in *Harriet the Spy*.



- ☐ Our receptionist quit to become a bus driver.
- ☐ We got a snow day!
- ☐ Our toilet began to honk loudly after each flush.

Was it honking at the bus driver?



- ☐ Vice President Al Gore was a runner-up in our March "Say What?" contest.
- ☐ Our boss got hitched.
- ☐ A toilet upstairs exploded and leaked into the room where we keep all of our books.

De Summer in December

Just because it's getting colder doesn't mean you have to pack away all your warm-weather gear. Here are some wintertime uses for summertime stuff.

- Use a beach towel as a scarf.
- Tie a bikini top around your head to make earmuffs.
- Use your Frisbee as a sled-built-for-one.
- Put your flip-flops in your back pockets to pad your falls while skating.
- Wear swimming flippers as snowshoes.
- Use a snorkel to breathe better when you snuggle under the covers.

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by David Lewman

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Which holiday dish is the oldest?

Granberry sauce.

What do you call stuffing smeared on a pane of glass?

Window dressing.

What do you use to hold your roasted bird together?

A turkey paster.

Why did Jody run through the cookie batter?

She wanted to go dashing through the dough.

What did the dough say to the cookie cutter?

"Make me a star!"

What did the star cookie say to the bell cookie?

"Give me a ring sometime."

What's the best thing you can say about a star cookie?

"She has her good points."

Why did the candle break up with her boyfriend?

He was a real drip.

How did the candle get out of handing in his homework?

He made up a flame excuse.

How did the snowwoman know she was in love with the sun?

When she saw it, she melted.

What happened to the boy who ate an entire snowman?

He got a bad case of frostbite.

Why did the softball player run in the snow wearing only her mitt?

She wanted to catch cold.

What did Jack Frost say to the driveway?

"Get my drift?"

Who wears a red suit and decorates his house with useless little things?

Jolly Old St. Knick-Knack.

What's Santa's favorite sandwich?

Peanut butter and jolly.

What's Santa's favorite winter sport?

Snowbearding.

Who haunted Scrooge's little sister?

The Ghost of Christmas Pest.

What's a hot-dog vendor's favorite holiday song?

"Wiener Wonderland."

Do frogs like to visit their relatives during the holidays?

Yes, they're one big, hoppy family.

Why did the smallest bell leave the other bells?

He had to tinkle.



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Cheer You Go!

This is a **Holiday Cheer-O-Meter**. To figure out how hot or cold you run at this time of year, fill in the box next to each of the statements that may apply to your family. Then color in the column all the way down to the bottom.

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|---|
| Waiting in mile-long lines at crowded department stores is a chance for joyous together-time for your family. |
| Every year, your family reserves a skybox at the school's holiday pageant. |
| There's so much candle wax in your house, Madame Tussaud is thinking of renting a room. |
| Your family happily goes outside to shovel—even when there's no snow. |
| Your family roasts chestnuts over an open fire. |
| Your family has its own holiday song. |
| Someone in your family videotapes the holiday pageant. |
| You light candles, decorate your house, or both. |
| Your family's gingerbread people are picketing for better treatment. |
| If Santa Claus showed up unexpectedly on your front lawn, someone in your family would call the cops. |
| When carolers arrive at your house, your family tries to drown them out by starting up the snowblower. |
| Your family has installed a "sleigh parking meter" on the roof. |
| Your family hangs mistletoe over the rotten, decomposing jack-o'-lanterns that are still on your front steps. |
| Your family skips December and goes right to January. |

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THE COLD HARD FACTS

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RUDOLPH QUILTS SLEIGH TEAM!



BUCKING THE SYSTEM: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer resigned yesterday in a move that shocked his teammates and fans. "I've had enough of this fly-by-night operation," he said as he nosed his way past reporters.

BY RAYMOND BRRRRRR

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer announced yesterday that he is resigning from the North Pole sleigh team, effective immediately. The reindeer, who's had quite a reign as head of the team, turned his nose up at the idea that his departure was because of a malfunctioning nose. The ruddy reindeer said, "As always, you could even say it glows."

That glowing snout is the reason it all started one foggy night many years ago. The headlight ability from his nose so bright made Rudolph a born leader. But the nose sometimes led to trouble with his dimmer deer teammates. Rudolph has had a bitter rivalry with Comet, his Number Two,

ever since Rudolph was overheard saying, "Comet's not a reindeer; he's a bathroom cleanser!"

Following the resignation, teammates Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Dasher all threw their deerskin caps into the ring, clamoring to catch the coveted crew captain crown. Dancer, appearing at an Elks Club function, also made an attempt. "Check out my headlight honker," he said to the crowd. His nose glowed a dull yellow for one second, but then dimmed.

Prancer, the rookie, sniffed as he fondly remembered his mentor. "I *caribou* Rudolph as much as I *caribou* anyone," he said. And Vixen, who was vacationing in Deerfield, Massachusetts, was unavailable for comment.

'Jack the Nipper' Nailed

BY ELFA KLENSCH

Police have arrested Jack Frost, the man they say is the infamous North Pole Nose Nipper. After giving Frost the third degree below zero, Police Inspector Harry Nostril is confident he has his man. "We nabbed the nipper and threw him in the cooler," he stated icily.

"Jack the Nipper" is believed to be the man who has nipped more than a billion noses over the past three years. Many of his victims were

kids between the ages of one and 92. One victim, Sigmund Froid, recalls his night of tingly terror: "I was walking home from work," he said, "and this man seemed to crystallize in front of me. All of a sudden, my schnozz froze."

News of the arrest came as little surprise in Frost's neighborhood, Shivering Chalets. According to one neighbor, Frost is a loner who "always carries around bags of ice. And even if it's well below zero, he always has the air conditioner on."



CUFFED IN THE COLD: An unidentified victim shortly before being revived (above); Jack Frost being taken into frozen custody (left).

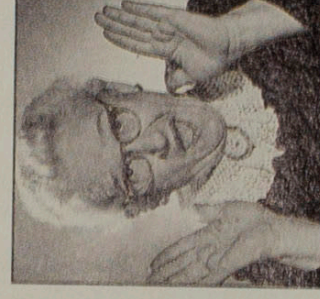
YESTERDAY'S SCORES

North Pole Hockey League

Drummers Drumming	12	Pipers Piping	11
Lords a-Leaping	10	Ladies Dancing	9
Maids a-Milking	8	Swans a-Swimming	7
Geese a-Laying	6	Golden Rings	5
Calling Birds	4	French Hens	3
Turtle Doves	2	Partridge in a Pear Tree	1

AROUND THE CIRCLE ...

In an ironic turn of events, late last night Carol "Grandma" Singer ran over a reindeer on her way home from a bowling tournament.



Singer said that obstructed vision caused the accident. "In the lane, snow was glistening," she said. Grandma was treated for trauma at the scene. The recovering reindeer is resting in the stable at St. Nick's-Veterinarian. . . . Anyone who has front teeth in good condition is

with clues, qualms, or questions is quietly encouraged to call the cops quickly. . . . Money is finally in place for building a snowman statue in the meadow to honor **Parson Brown**. Hats off to **Frosty the Snow Man**, who did much of the fund-raising single-branchedly by going down through the village with a broomstick in his hand. He went here and there, all around the square.

A Top Story

BY STEPHEN JAY COLD
Science Editor

At this week's Toy Fair, inventor and spin-doctor Oliver Tannenbaum unveiled his newest project at a press conference.

Stephen Jay Cold: What's that new invention you have?

O. Tannenbaum: I have a little dreidel.

SJC: How did you develop it?

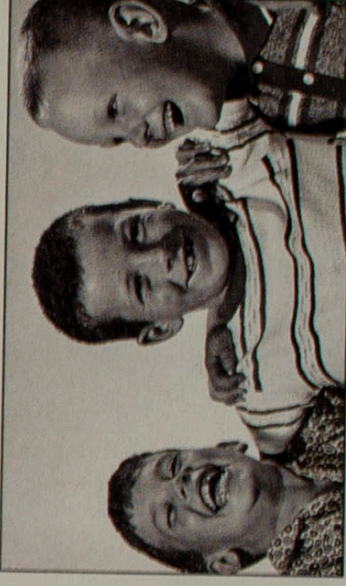
OT: I made it out of clay.

SJC: When will you market it?

OT: When it's dry and ready!

SJC: Then what will you do?

OT: Then dreidel I will play!



encouraged to drop them off at the town hall as part of the town's annual **Two Front Teeth Donation Drive**. The teeth will be handed out later to the town's toothless tots. . . . Kevin Quinn, a chemist at Quincy College, is in quite a quandary over the Kwanza candles stolen from the college's equipment closet. Anyone

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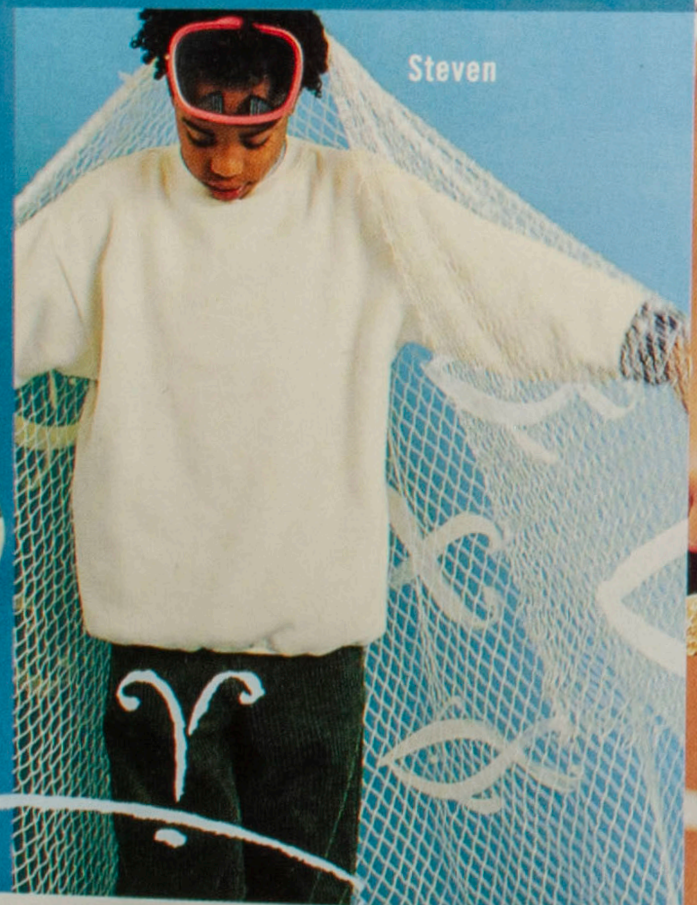


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this holiday
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I want my
picture taken
here.



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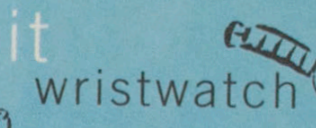
Boys' Top Ten List

Put this list next to the coffeemaker.
Your parents will really be impressed with how organized you are
(even if your room doesn't show it).



logo sweatshirt

windsuit



wristwatch (a cool one.)

baseball cap



wallet (with cash inside, of course.)

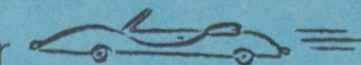
winter fleece jacket

baggy cords (Yes, again!)

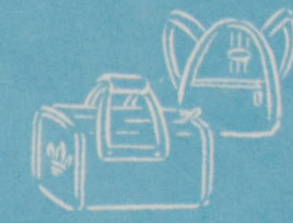
duffel bag or backpack



pullback toy car
(Yeah, Dad. You can play with it, too.)



sports tie (Why are you laughing?)



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next year.

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This year, let's celebrate the holidays our way—

Girls' Top Ten List

Hey girls! Pull out this card and give it to your parents before they buy you something really weird.

denim

polyester tops

corduroys—of course

Y necklace (No, I don't have enough.)

ANYTHING with smiley faces

plaid stretch twill pants

faux fur

stretch velour top

cute animal backpack

novelty watch (the wilder, the better.)

Oh, and this stuff, too:

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State _____

Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

Evening phone _____

under water!

Did you
save the
receipt?

Brittany

Andrea

Hey!
That bottle-nose
dolphin made
off with the
presents.



That was fun, even if we do look like prunes.
Let's do it again next year.

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Happy New You!

by Placey Bowers

Sometimes relatives think of you a certain way, even if you haven't been that way for years. If you're feeling stuck in an identity rut, use this letter to introduce them to the real you this holiday season.

INSTRUCTIONS: For the first paragraph of the letter below, choose an "OLD YOU" identity (from the next page) and fill in the first blank. For the rest of the numbered blanks, choose a colored box with a "NEW YOU" identity (also from the next page). Make sure you fill in the correct number in each blank, and that everything you write in is from the same colored box.

Dear Family,

Over the years, it has come to my attention that many of you see me as the _____
Choose an identity from the "OLD YOU" box.

But that was long ago, and it's not what I'm about anymore.

This year, before any cheeks get pinched, I would like to take this time to announce my new identity to all of you gathered here. From this day forth, I would like everyone to see a new _____, a(n) _____
your name your name
who happens to be the _____ of the family.
Choose one of the "NEW YOU" boxes. Write in #1.

From now on, when you see such things as _____ #2, I'd like you to think of me. Or let's say you overhear someone talking about _____ #3. I'd like you to say to yourself, "Well, doesn't that sound just like _____?" And when you see footage of _____ #4 on TV, I hope you'll think aloud: "Someday, that's going to be _____."
your name

I know it may take you some time to readjust to my new image. That's understandable. And if it will help you to remember what I now stand for, my attitude can be best summed up with these few words:

_____ #5 Thanks for your support.

Yours truly,

The New and Improved _____
your signature

THE "OLD YOU"

- CRYBABY who whined "I want to go home"
- SLOB who left a trail of dirt everywhere I went
- BOSSY one who hogged the remote control
- SPOILED one who demanded a pony for my birthday
- KLUTZ who spilled grape juice on the carpet



THE "NEW YOU"

1. ATHLETE

2. a softball mitt and bike helmet
3. the requirements of advanced placement gym
4. Troy Aikman or Monica Seles
5. Let's race!

1. COMEDIAN

2. rubber chickens
3. knock-knock jokes
4. Jim Carrey or Whoopi Goldberg
5. Leave 'em laughing.

1. CUTE ONE

2. a mirror and styling gel
3. me
4. Mary-Kate or Ashley Olsen or Andrew Lawrence
5. I am the cute one.

1. CREATIVE ONE

2. berets and journals
3. color theory and narrative devices
4. Steven Spielberg or Martha Stewart
5. I have a vision.

1. BRAIN

2. a laptop computer and dictionary
3. the most important book of the 1990s
4. Albert Einstein or Sandra Day O'Connor
5. I think, therefore I am.

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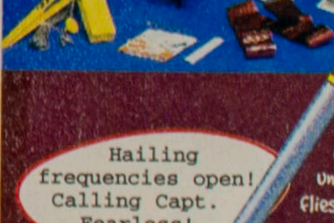
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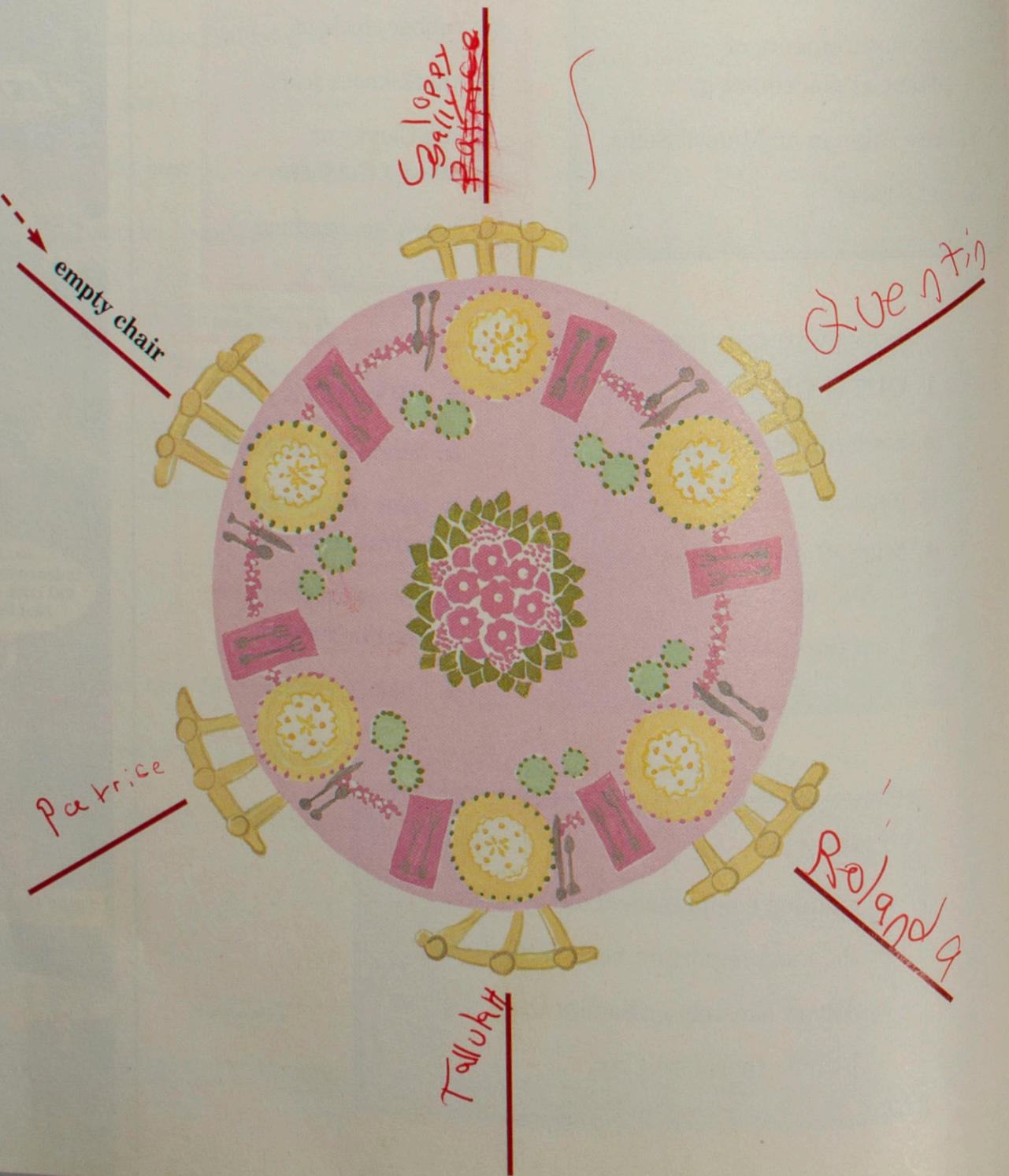
Is This Seat Taken?

Help the DeFreeze family and their friends figure out their holiday dinner seating arrangements. Use the guidelines below to seat the kids' table. To seat the adults, use the guidelines on the next page. SUGGESTION: Use a pencil with an eraser! Answers on page 88.



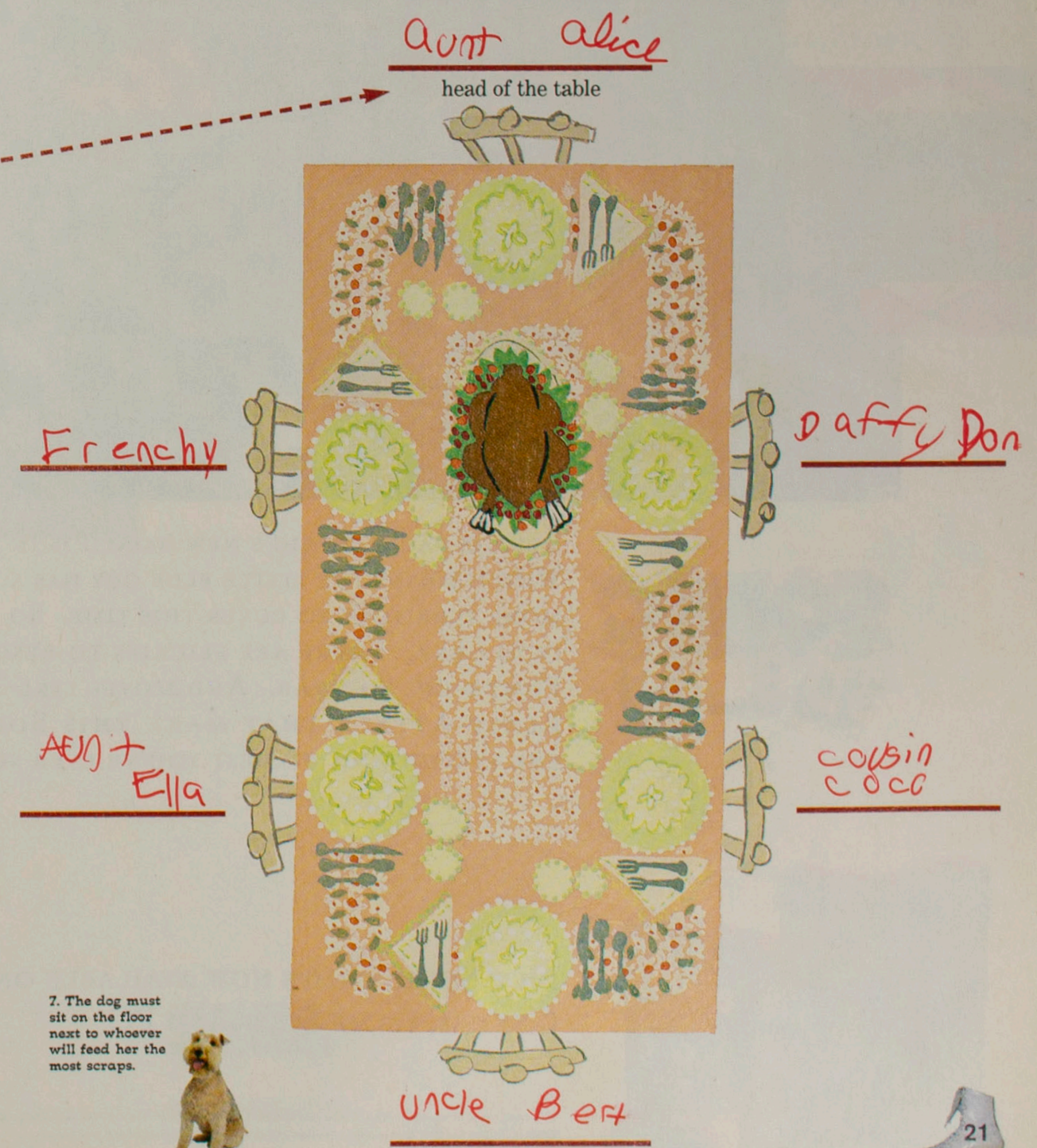
The Kids' Table

1. One chair is left empty.
2. Patrice insists that only one person sit next to her.
3. Tallulah broke her left arm, so she needs Patrice to sit on her left to help her.
4. Quentin must sit directly across from Patrice in order to shoot peas at her.
5. Only Quentin can handle sitting next to Sloppy Sally.
6. Rolanda talks too much, so Patrice refuses to sit next to her.



The Adults' Table

1. Aunt Alice must sit at the head of the table.
2. Uncle Bert must sit directly across from Aunt Alice, so he can gaze into her eyes.
3. Aunt Alice and Daffy Don love Cousin Coco's perfume, so they must both sit next to her.
4. Aunt Alice won't sit next to Aunt Ella, because when Aunt Ella chews, she makes a lot of noise.
5. Uncle Bert is Aunt Ella's baby brother and right-hand man. That's why he sits to her right.
6. Frenchy Françoise hasn't spoken to Daffy Don since he refused to eat her French toast. So they will sit diagonally from each other.



7. The dog must sit on the floor next to whoever will feed her the most scraps.



MAKE HASTE.

OR MAKE WASTE.

Blue is back.



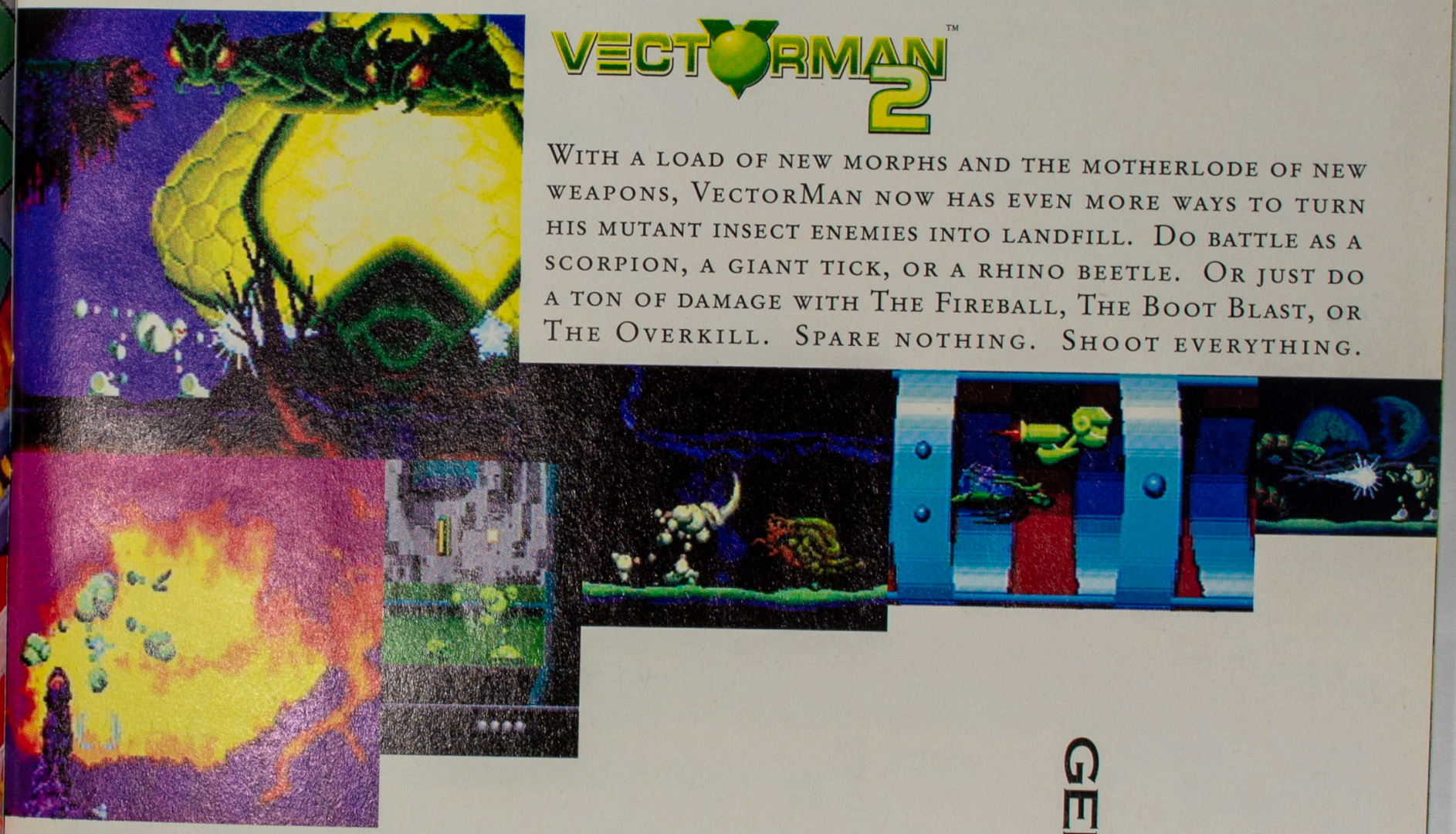
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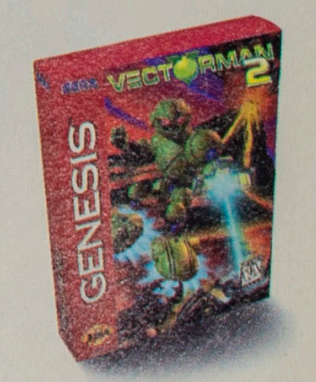
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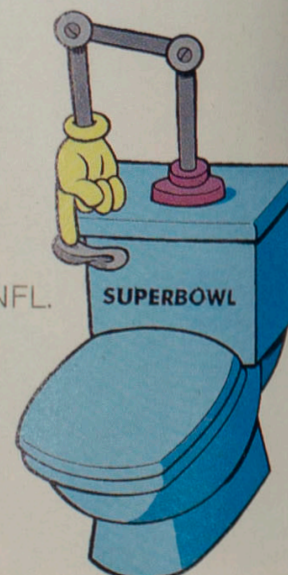
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a. True
b. False
- 2 The inflatable rubber object inside a football is called a bladder.
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b. False
- 3 National Football League (NFL) players are not allowed to wear facial makeup on the field.
a. True
b. False
- 4 "Backfield in motion" is a 15-yard penalty for excessive rump-shaking following a touchdown.
a. True
b. False
- 5 The "flea-flicker" play is when a quarterback hands off the ball to a running back, who quickly throws it back to the quarterback.
a. True
b. False
- 6 Players' visible undergarments must be approved before the game by NFL officials.
a. True
b. False

I wish I had a flea-flicker.



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- 7 A player can be called for "clotheslining," which means tackling another player by the neck.
a. True
b. False
- 8 The first man to play the center position was named Hut-Hut Hike.
a. True
b. False
- 9 The University of Notre Dame's football team is called:
a. the Fighting Irish.
b. the Battlin' Quasimodos.
c. the Notre Motor Voters.
- 10 The Superbowl is:
a. a new self-flushing toilet.
b. the NFL championship game.
c. the official lettuce spinner of the NFL.
- 11 The quarterback stands behind the center at the snap count:
a. to help him look for his missing teeth.
b. to receive the ball.
c. because he just plain likes him.
- 12 When a penalty has been committed, the referee or field judge throws:
a. up.
b. a hissy fit.
c. a yellow flag.
- 13 The name of the NFL team that plays in Baltimore is:
a. the Baltimore Ravens.
b. the Baltimore Oreos.
c. the Baltimorons.



—Researched by Lindsey von Busch

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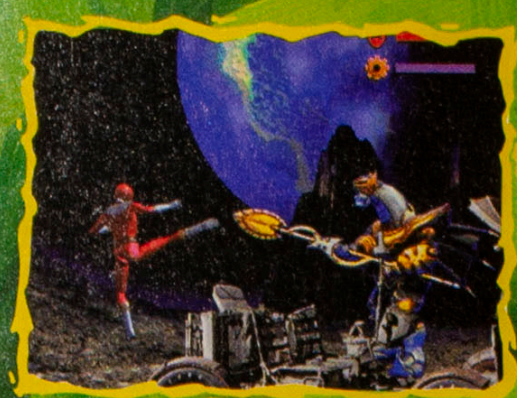
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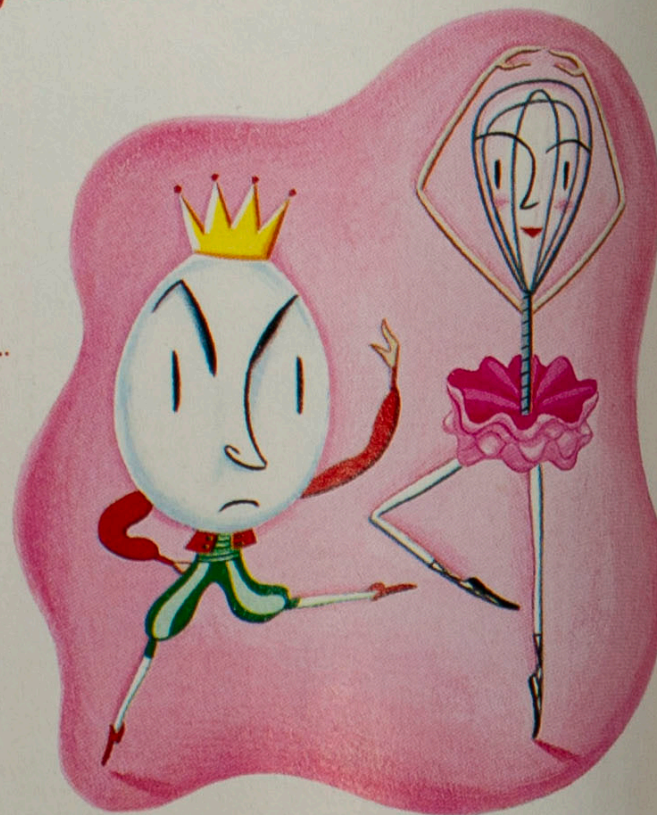


Tutu Funny

It's that time of year again—when nutcrackers start dancing all over the place. Sure, Tchaikovsky knocked out a swell ballet with The Nutcracker, but what about all those other kitchen utensils? What if they could dance, too? **by David Lewman**

The Wish of the Whisk by Martha Graham Cracker

Summary: A mute boy helps a whisk beat the evil Egg King. The whisk whips the Egg King into shape, then she turns into a princess and leads the boy to The Land of Less Cholesterol.
Highlight: Ukrainian yolk dances.



The Tale of the Salad Tongs by Agnes de Meal

Summary: A young girl helps a pair of salad tongs fight the rabid Rabbit Boss, who has been nibbling all the salad. The salad tongs take the girl on a tour of a huge garden, teaching her valuable lessons, such as how to tell lettuce and cabbage apart.
Highlight: "The Gallop of the Garlic Presses."



The Great Cheese Grater by George Balancheese

Summary: A lonely milkman teams up with a cheese grater to fight the mad Mold Monster. In a dramatic churn, the cheese grater turns into a dairymaid, who shows the milkman the joys of individually wrapped slices.
Highlight: "The Cheesy Cha-Cha."

The Spatula Suite by Dmitri Saucetakovich

Summary: A streetwise squirrel helps a spatula fight the bossy Bug President. To thank her, the spatula then takes the squirrel to her secret Waffle Palace. At the heartbreaking conclusion, the squirrel sings "I'd Rather Have a Nutcracker."
Highlight: "The Slotted Spoon Slam Dance."



Up for some last-minute shopping? Race through this mall maze as fast as you can. Enter through the upper left, and exit at the bottom right. How few stores do you have to go through? **Answer on page 88.**

Only a Labyrinth Retriever could do this!



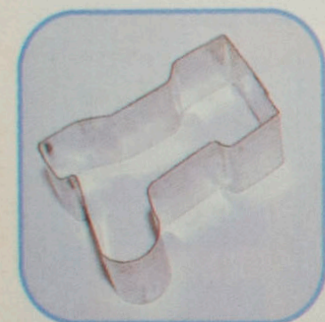
What's in Store



Kooky Cut-Ups

Why use your cookie cutters just once a year? Here are some year-round suggestions for six common holiday shapes.

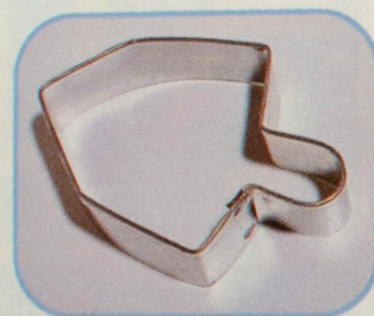
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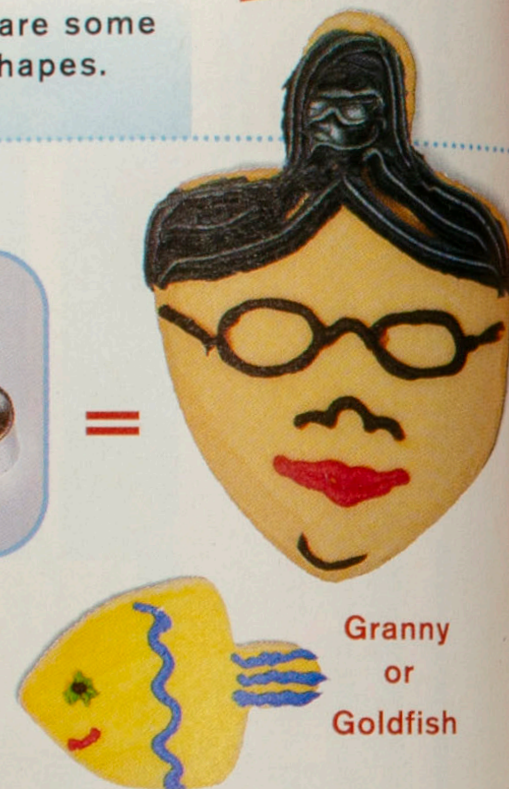
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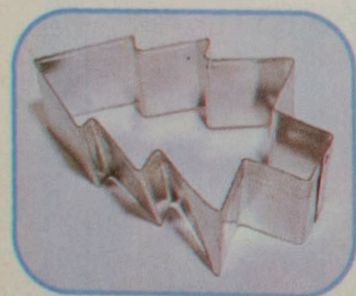
Man with turtle neck



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Granny or Goldfish



Pine tree



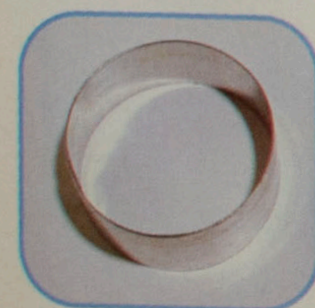
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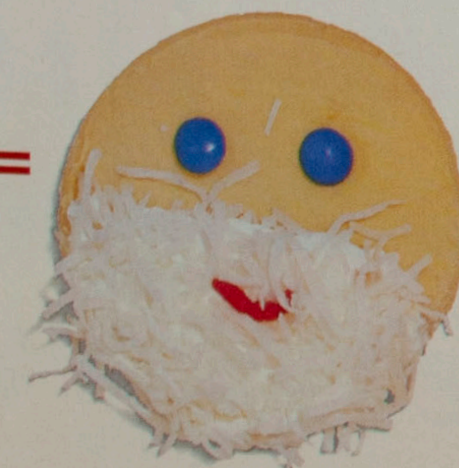
Candy cane



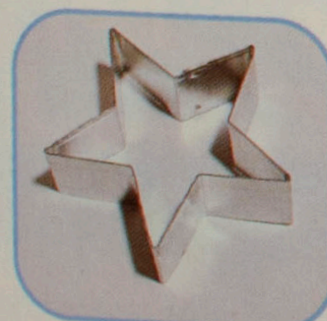
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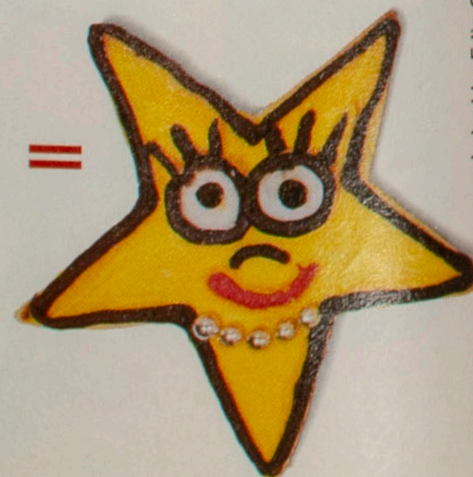
Circle



Bald man with beard



Star



Lisa Simpson



I just cut one.

baked by Edie Connolly.
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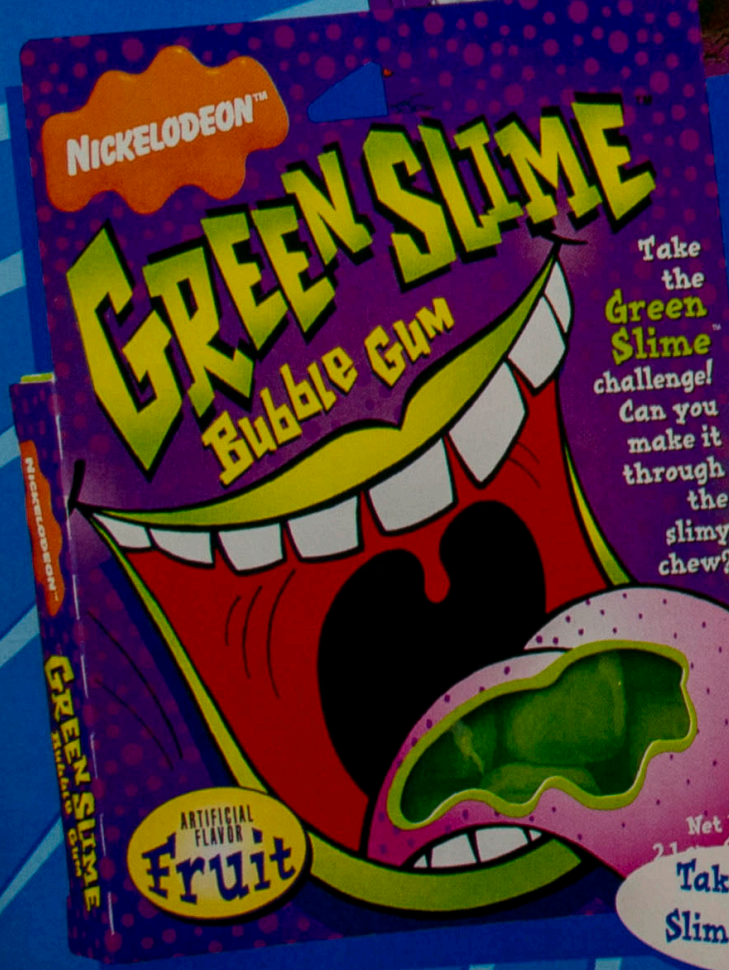
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A Piece of Cake

by Stacey Bowers

Are you sweet on fruitcake, a favorite dessert of the holiday season?
Which of the following are true and which are just plain nutty?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 88.

- 1 Most fruitcakes baked in the U.S. are made of cherries, pineapple, raisins, pecans, dates, and a small amount of batter.
T F
- 2 During the Viking Age, Scandinavian sailors used fruitcakes as anchors.
T F
- 3 Thirteen miles of the Great Wall of China is made of fruitcake.
T F
- 4 A Tanzanian runner once ran halfway up Mount Kilimanjaro to deliver a fruitcake.
T F
- 5 There is more pineapple in one nine-inch-diameter fruitcake than on the entire island of Maui.
T F
- 6 Fruitcake is made weeks or months before it is eaten to give it enough time to develop its flavor.
T F
- 7 Blacksmiths in Upper Revolta still use fruitcakes as anvils.
T F
- 8 The Pentagon has a 14-page document about how to select fruitcake for U.S. troops.
T F
- 9 In 1984, a fruitcake fell from the top of the Empire State Building and crushed a parking meter.
T F
- 10 The average fruitcake weighs as much per square inch as mahogany, a heavy wood.
T F
- 11 In England, holiday plum cakes were often baked with a trinket hidden somewhere inside, which was supposed to bring good luck to whoever found it in their slice.
T F
- 12 In 1968, a fruitcake orbited the moon aboard Apollo 8.
T F
- 13 Ancient Egyptians often buried a type of fruitcake with dead loved ones, so they'd have something to eat during the afterlife.
T F
- 14 The Grand Canyon was formed when a fruitcake fell out of an airplane over Arizona.
T F
- 15 The first and only Fruitcake Olympics were held in Houston in 1991. Events included fruitcake slam-dunking, a fruitcake baseball-bat smash, and fruitcake shuffleboard.
T F



This is some really heavy stuff.





SCENE BUT NOT HEARD
BY SAM HENDERSON



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THE HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME FOR GIVING.



So here's A List of everything YOU CAN GIVE ME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

- ✓ PET DOLPHIN NAMED "BUTCH"
- ✓ 3-STORY WATER SLIDE
- ✓ ROUND TRIP TO MOON (FIRST CLASS)
- ✓ SCHOOL SUPPLIES (NOT!)
- ✓ MY OWN McDONALD'S
- ✓ SUPER COMPUTER/SATELLITE KIT



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Happy Holidays!

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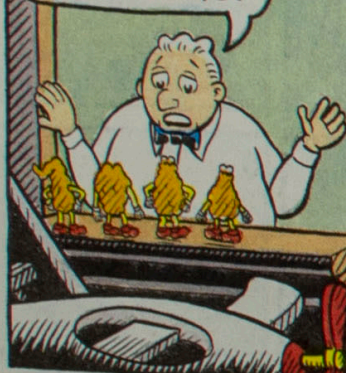
A WING, A BREAST, A THIGH, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR THEIR FLESH!

MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN... BOYS, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY BOSS, SIR ELIOT BUDGERAL.



SIR ELIOT TELLS THE BOYS A BIT ABOUT HIMSELF.

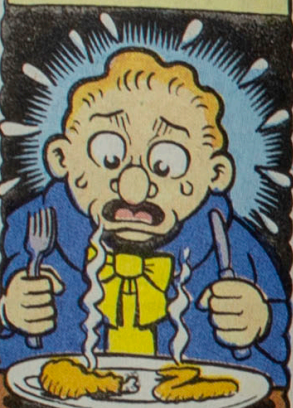
YOU SEE, WHEN I WAS A BOY, MY FAMILY RAISED CHICKENS.



THEN ONE DAY, I DISCOVERED THAT THE FRIENDLY BIRDS I PLAYED WITH BY DAY...



WERE THE FOOD I ATE AT NIGHT.

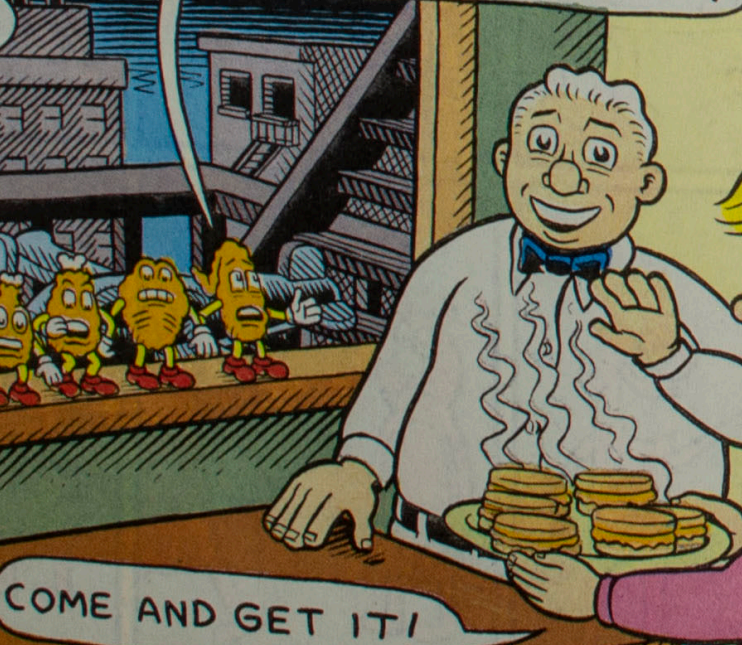


FROM THAT DAY ON, I COULDN'T BEAR TO EAT CHICKEN.



...SO MY LIFELONG QUEST TO CREATE A CHICKEN SUBSTITUTE BEGAN.

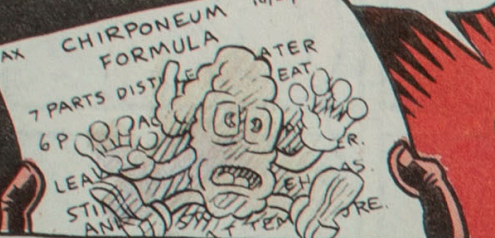
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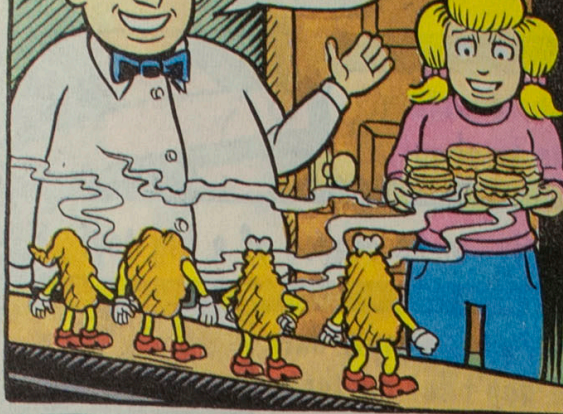
COME AND GET IT!

THE BOYS HAVE BEEN TRICKED INTO FAXING THE FORMULA FOR CHIRPONEUM TO CHICKEN TYCOON FRANKIE FEATHERS. BUT THE FAX IS FLAWED, AND FEATHERS IS FURIOUS.

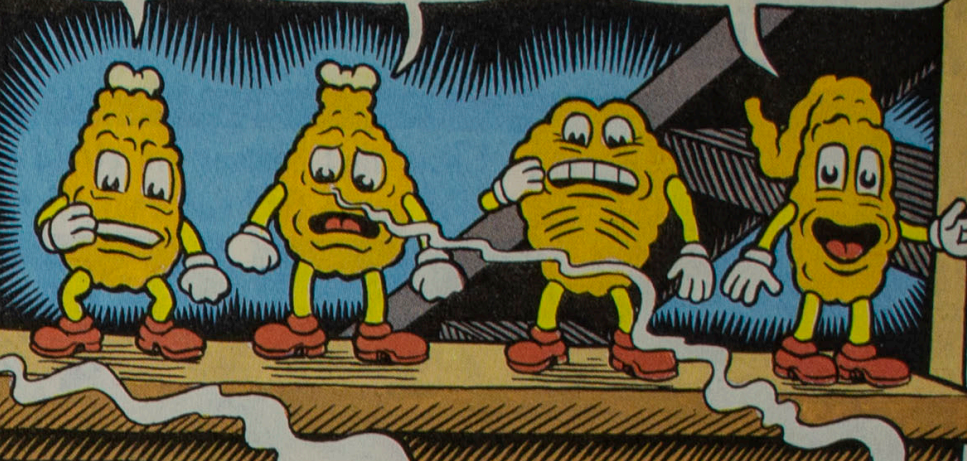
THOSE BUNGLING FOOLS!



WELL, BOYS, I'LL LET YOU BE THE JUDGE OF THAT.

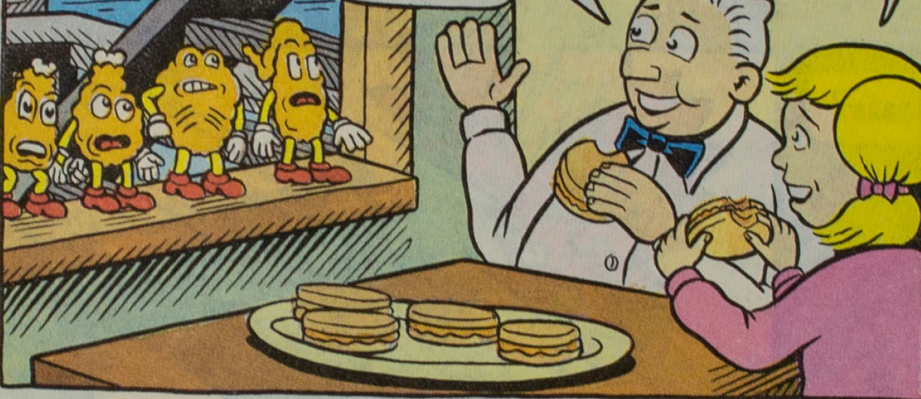


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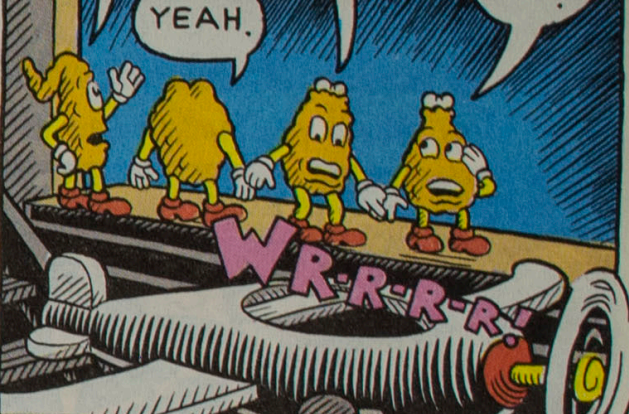


WELL, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING. THESE CHIRPONEUM SANDWICHES TASTE GREAT!

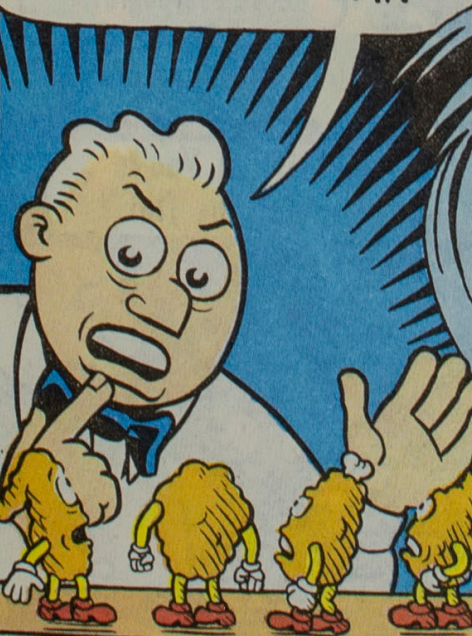
YES, AND WHEN CHIRPONEUM CATCHES ON, MILLIONS OF CHICKENS WILL BE SAVED!



GEE... THAT'S GREAT! UH OH, OUR PLANE'S STARTING UP AGAIN! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

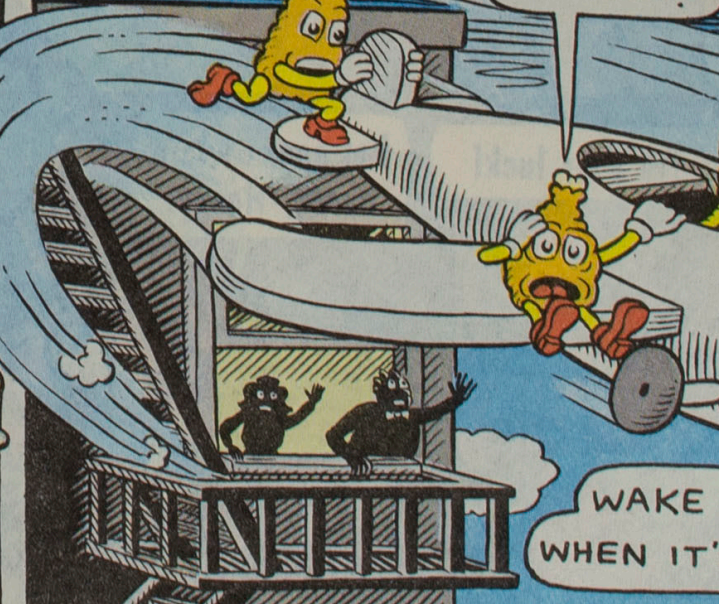


JUMP IN AND RETURN TO THE CROOKS. FIND OUT ALL YOU CAN.



OK, BOYS, WE'RE ON A MISSION!

BUT WHO'S BEHIND IT ALL?



MUST BE SOMEONE REALLY EVIL.

WAKE ME WHEN IT'S OVER.

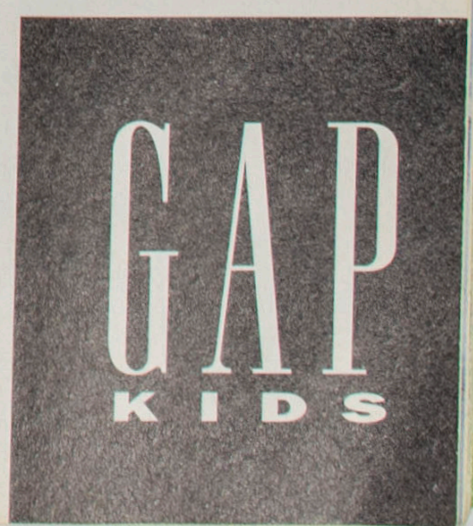
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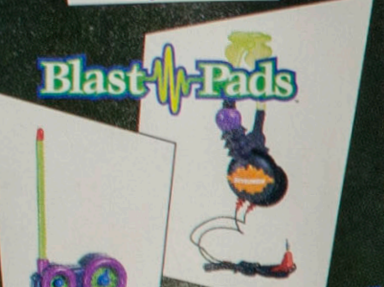
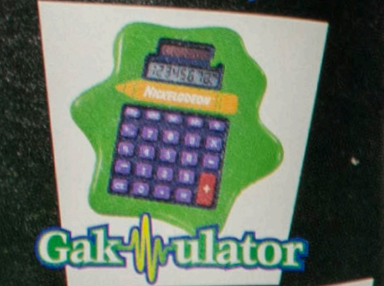
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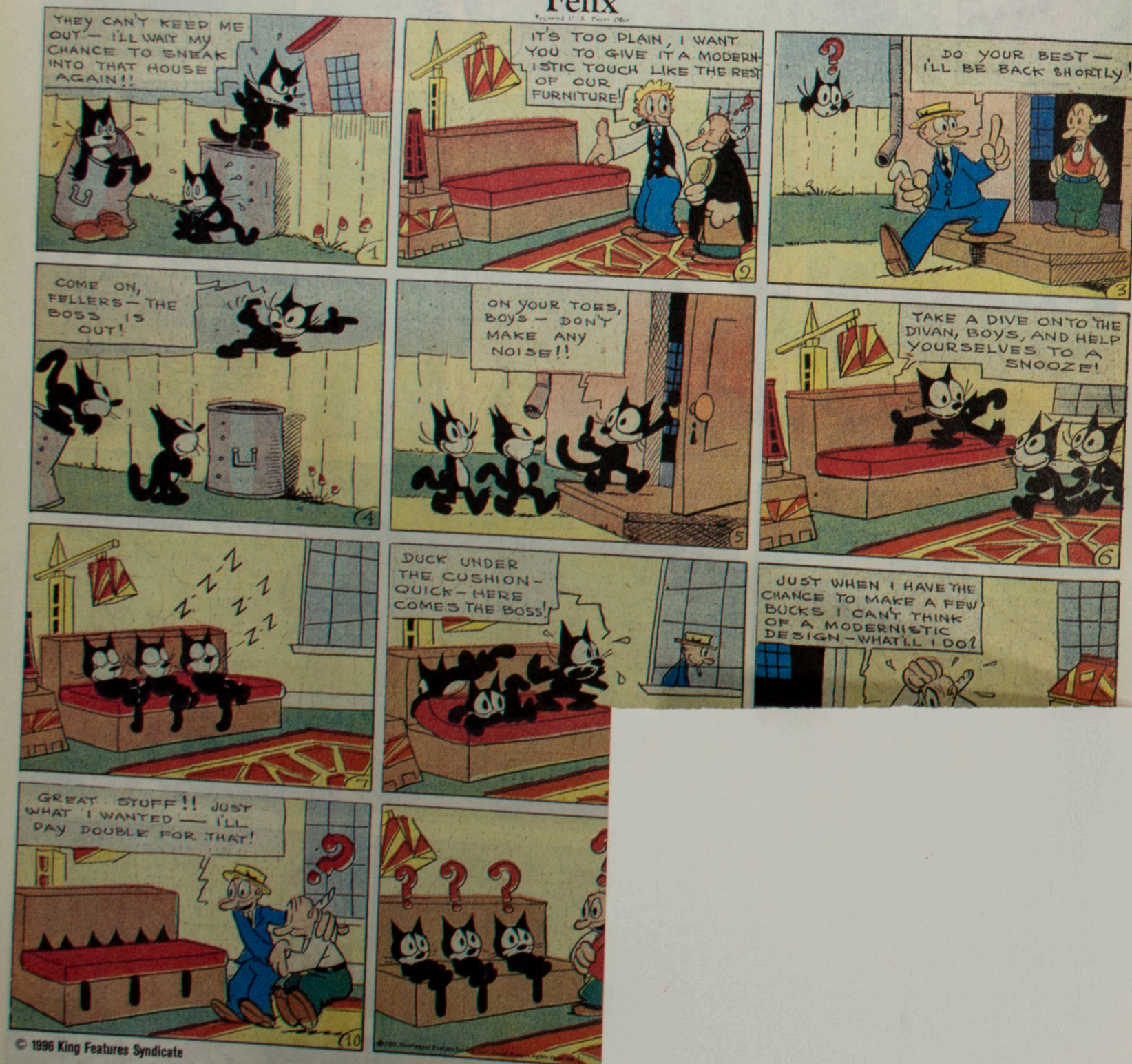
YOU STINK!

THE SECRET You Stink!

CLASSIC COMIC

Felix the Cat first appeared in 1919 in the cartoon movie *Feline Follies*. He was created by Otto Messmer. Since Felix's debut, he has appeared in many places: on clothing, painted on a plane in World War II, as an oversize balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and in TV cartoons. These days, he's on *The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat*. In this 1929 comic, Felix and two look-alike friends are rewarded for catnapping on the couch.

Felix



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NICKELODEON MAGAZINE COMIC

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To: _____



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AND SAY
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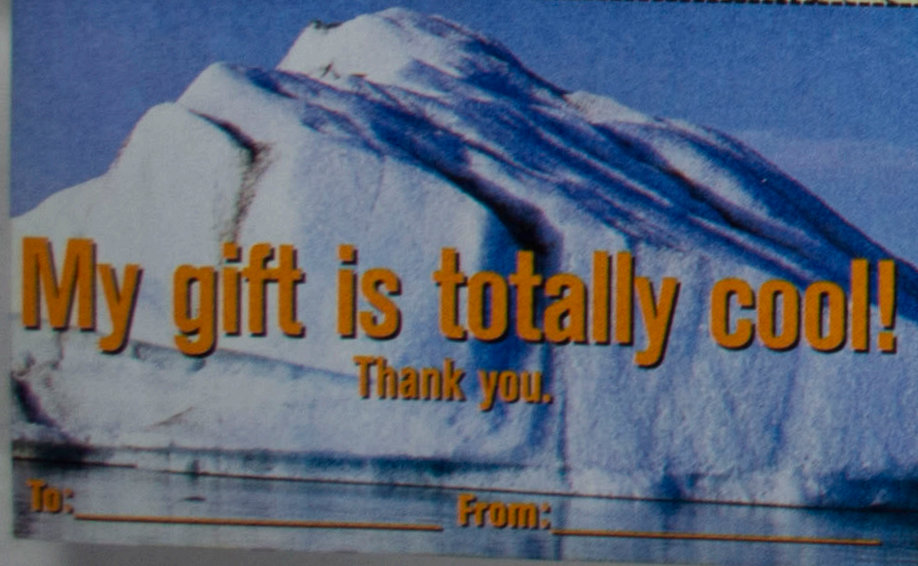
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Every day during the season, 151 million cards are mailed through the U.S. Postal Service. This year's deliveries involve the usual mail and letter carriers. SANTELLA went through snow and rain and some other, less traditional ways mail has been

Cooking C

During the Franco-Prussian war, enter or leave French used their letters were small letters. The baskets attached Postal workers find the balls





Express Meow

Every day during the holiday season, 151 million letters and cards are mailed through the U.S. Postal Service. Most of this year's deliveries will involve the usual mail trucks and letter carriers. **ANDREW SANTELLA** went through snow and rain and heat to find some other, less traditional ways mail has been delivered.



When it absolutely, paw-sitively has to be there overnight.

Cooing Correspondence

During the 1870 siege of Paris in the Franco-Prussian War, no mail could enter or leave the city by road. So the French used homing pigeons to deliver their letters. Attached to the birds' legs were small canisters, which held tiny letters. The birds were boarded into baskets attached to hot air balloons. Postal workers outside the city would find the balloons where they landed,



empty the pigeons' canisters and refill them with other letters. Then they'd release the birds, who would fly back home. Over the course of almost eight months, pigeons carried more than two million messages.

Cat's Got Your Letter

For a short time in 1879, postal officials in Liège, Belgium, tried using cats to deliver the mail. A force of 37 cats carried bundles of letters to surrounding areas until it was decided that, as letter carriers, cats were too unreliable.

Jaws Eats Mail

In 1882, the inhabitants of Tonga, an island in the Pacific Ocean, started putting their letters in tin cans and throwing them into the ocean to be picked up by passing ships. The tin-can method was started after a shark attacked a swimmer who had been carrying the mail to the ships.

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Up and Downhill Delivery

In the mid-1850s, Jon "Snowshoe" Thompson skied his 180-mile mail route for the first time. The roundtrip route went through California's Sierra Nevada mountains, and Snowshoe skied it for 18 years. People were so impressed with his speed and skill (he sometimes carried a 100-pound bag) that a song was written about him. One reporter compared him to a "flying meteor."

Suck It Up

During the late 1800s, various cities in Austria, France, and Belgium used underground pressurized tubes to send mail from building to building. Mail was packed into small cylindrical canisters and placed into a tube that sucked it away.

Going With the Flow

The inhabitants of Scotland's St. Kilda Island relied on the ocean's current to carry their mail to the mainland until 1930 (when people stopped living on the island). They placed letters in hollowed-out pieces of driftwood and then threw them into the ocean. When the wood reached the mainland, the letters were picked up and delivered as regular mail.

Trail Mail

Residents of the Havasupai Reservation in Arizona have their mail delivered by mule train. The Native American reservation is deep in the Grand Canyon and only reachable by a steep nine-and-a-half-mile trail.

We Deliver Chop-Chopper

During the winter, helicopters deliver the mail once a week to the hunters and fishers who live on Alaska's Little Diomed Island, which is just two and a half miles from Russia's Big Diomed Island. In some other Alaskan towns, snowmobiles carry the mail. And as recently as the early 1960s, dog sleds brought mail to smaller villages.



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3 Pick one card of each color and put them together to form a sentence. Be sure to read them in the following order: pink, blue, orange, green.

Here's an example:

Devon Sawa will hug a hedgehog on top of Old Smokey.

You will	hug	dirty laundry	on Jenny Jones.
Your principal will	bump into	Urkel	at the Academy Awards.
Your pet will	be seen with	Tori Spelling	on the Internet.
Your best friend will	dream about	an electric toothbrush	in Emmitt Smith's locker.
Will Smith will	run away with	a frosted cupcake	on top of Old Smokey.
Rosie O'Donnell will	dance with	a hedgehog	in the nick of time.
Devon Sawa will	costar with	a robot	somewhere in outer space.
Someone you know will	verb with	a famous person	in a busy place.



Hey—Devon's no bubblehead.



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Fourth Annual New Year's Contest

This year, one of your New Year's resolutions should be to enter this contest. Here's how:

1. Choose a famous person, real or made-up, from the past or present.

2. Write three New Year's resolutions for that person.

3. Mail your entry by January 6, 1997, to:

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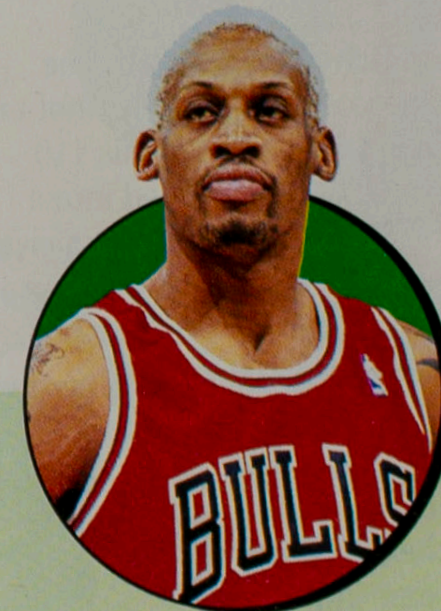
Here are some examples:



Alanis Morissette

1. Try not to be such a *Jagged Little Pill*.
2. Take one hand out of my pocket.
3. Live and learn.

I'm ironic, don'tcha think?



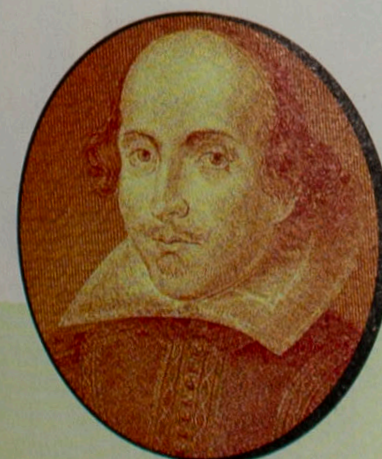
Dennis Rodman

1. Finally decide on a hair color.
2. Be as *Good as I Wanna Be*.
3. Take the Bulls by the horns.



Brandy

1. Don't be a baby baby baby.
2. *Moesha* the lawn.
3. Look into joining *The Braid-y Bunch*.



William Shakespeare

1. Stop making everything a *Tempest* in a teapot.
2. Try not to be so dramatic.
3. Get a new collar.

Remember, we cannot return your entry, but we will print our favorites in a future issue. Winners will receive Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, and other Nickelodeon stuff!

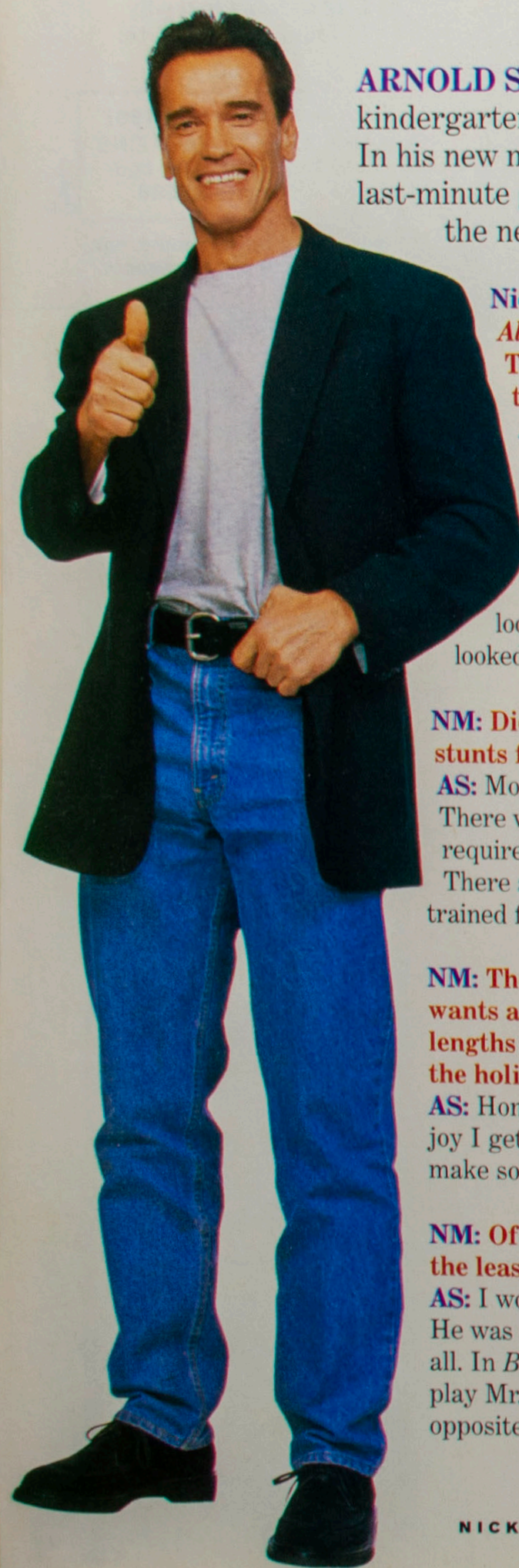
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Tom Sawyer

1. Ask Aunt Polly if she wants a cracker.
2. Stop teasing Becky.
3. Think of a new color to paint the fence.

Arnold All the Way



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER has played a terminator, a kindergarten cop, a barbarian, a twin, and even a pregnant person. In his new movie *Jingle All the Way*, he plays a dad in search of a very last-minute gift. **Robin Sayers** pumped him for some information about the new movie and about growing up big and strong.

Nickelodeon Magazine: In *Jingle All the Way*, you had to dress up as Turbo Man, an action hero. Was that fun?

Arnold Schwarzenegger: The costume was very hot. We shot one outdoor scene when it was 110 degrees. I was strapped into a harness and hanging from a crane. The suit was uncomfortable, but it looked fantastic. So it was hot, but it looked cool at the same time.

NM: Did you do your own stunts for this movie?

AS: Most of them, but not all. There were some stunts that required flying with a jet pack. There are experts who were trained for that.

NM: The movie is about how your son really wants an action figure and how you go to great lengths to get it for him. What do you want for the holidays?

AS: Homemade gifts from my children. The most joy I get out of receiving gifts is when my kids make something for me.

NM: Of all the characters you've played, which was the least like you?

AS: I would say the Terminator was the least like me. He was a cold, killing machine, and I'm not like that at all. In *Batman and Robin* [coming out this summer], I play Mr. Freeze, a villain who was fun to play, but the total opposite of me. You see much more of the real me in comedies.



DASHING THROUGH THE STORES (from top): Arnold goes into high gear looking for a Turbo Man doll; he does some mail bonding with Sinbad; and he finds himself in deer straits.

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the Way

NM: Where did you grow up?

AS: In Austria. It was a lot different from what many American kids are used to. I lived out in the country, on a farm, so we had a lot of fun with the animals. I came to the U.S. when I was 21.

NM: What kind of a kid were you?

AS: My family didn't have a lot of money. I had almost no store-bought toys, so I had to figure out how to entertain myself. I built toys with branches and leaves from the trees. I built my own kites, a wheelbarrow, and a little wagon.

NM: Were you ever scrawny?

AS: I was built like every other kid. My body and my interest in sports developed when I was about 13. The school coaches encouraged me and my classmates to find something we were good at and then to work at it at least an hour extra every day. That's when I started weightlifting and getting good at certain sports.

NM: How often do you lift weights now?

AS: I do an hour a day of training. I'm interested in being healthy and energetic, and looking believable when I play "the hero" in movies. But I don't want to be Mr. Universe again—for that I'd have to train four or five hours a day.

NM: Do you have a nickname?

AS: I have many. Oak, because the Austrian Oak is a huge tree. Bodybuilding magazines called me that. Some friends call me Champ. In England, they call me Arnie. And in Japan, they call me Schwazzie.

NM: How many times do you think you've said "I'll be back"?

AS: Probably thousands of times. When I first said it in the movie, I never thought that it would become the hot line. But now, people stop me all the time and say, "Hey, Arnold, say that cool line!" So I say, "I'll be back." And then they say, "No, say it like you do in the movie—like you're a machine!"



HE'S NOT KIDDING (clockwise from top): In *Kindergarten Cop* he led the way; two guys from *T2—Arnold and Edward Furlong*; and he's in belly big trouble (with Danny DeVito) in *Junior*.



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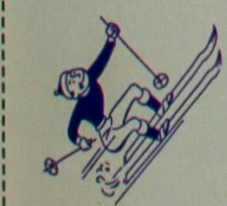
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BODYBUILDING TITLES HE'S WON: Thirteen world titles, including Mr. Olympia, Mr. Universe, and Mr. World

IN HIS FREE TIME HE WORKS ON: Special Olympics, and Inner-City Games, a program that promotes physical education in inner cities




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December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 International Calendar Awareness Month begins. Mark your calendar.	2 Charles Ringling, circus owner, born. 1863 In 29 days, you'll be Ringling in the New Year.	3 Maria Callas, opera singer, born, 1923 From high chair to high C.	4 Clean your bathtub for tomorrow	5 Bathtub Party Day Hope your plans don't go down the drain.	6 John Sargent Pillsbury, founder of The Pillsbury Company, born, 1878 He was the original doughboy.	7 Willa Cather, author, born, 1876 Where there's a Willa, there's a way.
8 Diego Rivera, artist, born, 1886 Have a good Diego!	9 Eleven days after Thanksgiving Throw out the last of the leftovers.	10 Emily Dickinson, poet, born, 1830 She was a woman ahead of her rhyme.	11 James L. Kraft, inventor of processed cheese, born, 1874 He was a Singles-minded baby.	12 Frank Sinatra, singer, born, 1915 Old Blue Eyes had baby blues.	13 Friday the 13th Today's not your lucky day.	14 South Pole reached by Roald Amundsen, 1911 Did he Roald, Roald, Roald his boat?
15 Jean Paul Getty, businessman, born, 1892 He had a few Getty- rich-quick schemes.	16 Jane Austen, author, born, 1775 Many have tried to Emma-late her.	17 Four days until winter begins Bundle up.	18 Steven Spielberg, director, born, 1947 The doctor "Cut!" his umbilical cord.	19 Puerto Rico Discovery Day Eureka! It's Puerto Rico.	20 Audubon Christmas Bird Count Count your chickens.	21 First crossword puzzle is printed, 1913 Get down! Get across! WINTER begins
22 Zodiac sign Capricorn begins Goat to it.	23 It's New Year's Eve Eve Eve Eve Eve Eve Start counting down.	24 'Tis the night before Christmas Find a creature stirring.	25 Robert Ripley, cartoonist, born, 1893 Believe it or not.	26 National Whinner's Day Whaaa! KWANZA begins	27 Radio City Music Hall opens, 1932 The Rockettes kicked it off.	28 Denzel Washington, actor, born, 1954 Show some Courage Under Fire
29 Ted Danson, actor, born, 1947 Three Cheers for Ted.	30 Monkees Michael Nesmith and Davy Jones born, 1942 and 1946 Their parents weren't Monkee-ing around.	31 New Year's Eve Cheer for the New Year.	CHRISTMAS 			



Spotlight on



This month, Jeff Daniels stars in the live-action remake of *101 Dalmatians*. He also starred in *Fly Away Home* and *Dumb and Dumber*. We recently put Jeff on the spot with some questions.

Nickelodeon Magazine: You've worked with geese, dalmatians, and Jim Carrey. Of the three, which is the most lovable?

Jeff Daniels: Jim, hands down. He's also the least predictable.

NM: Which have been your favorite movies to work on?

JD: I loved making *Fly Away Home*. And I loved making *Dumb and Dumber* because basically, we got to do anything we could think of to make it funny. And with *101 Dalmatians*, it was great to be involved with the remaking of a classic animated film.

NM: How many geese did you work with on *Fly Away Home*?

JD: It varied. Sometimes we had about 25 adult geese on the set.

NM: Were you sad to leave the geese when the movie ended?

JD: I wasn't really happy or sad. They were geese—it wasn't like a dog who comes up to you with big, sad eyes. The geese kind of look at you and want to know if you have any food.

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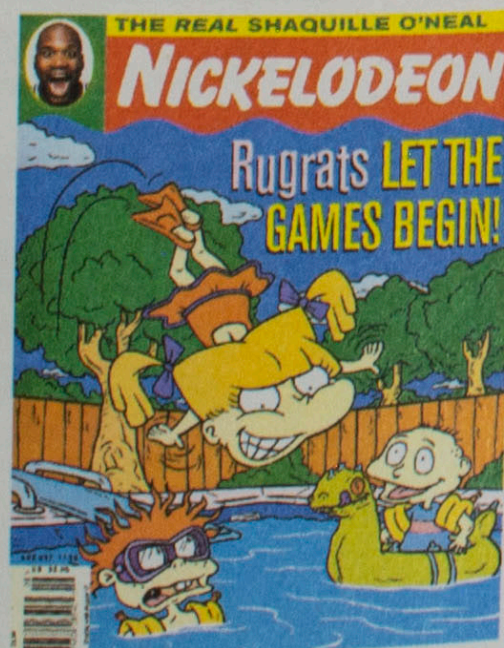
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dogs and two cats at home, and those are the guys that I'd be sad to leave.

NM: Did you act in school when you were a kid?

JD: In junior high school, I did. One day in music class, the teacher had me get up and pretend to be a politician whose pants were falling down while giving a speech. And I turned that into 15 minutes of comedy. I had the whole class laughing. That's when I knew I should be an actor.

NM: How can a kid be funny?

JD: Use your imagination. It's not just about telling jokes or being loud. Look at a situation and think about how it could be funny. People like Robin Williams and Jim Carrey do that all the time.

NM: Where do you live?

JD: Michigan. I grew up there and moved to New York to act. When I started doing movies, I moved back home.

NM: Do you have kids?

JD: I have three kids—two boys who are twelve and nine, and a girl who's six.

NM: What's your favorite winter sport?

JD: Hockey. I used to play on the lake behind my house when I was growing up. And my two boys play hockey, and I skate with them. They're good enough now so they can do a little fake and I end up on my butt.

NM: Does that embarrass you?

JD: It actually makes me proud, despite my sore rear end.

NM: Do you prefer ice-skating or sledding?

JD: Skating, though I've been known to sled. When you skate, you don't have to climb back up the hill in between runs.

NM: What's the most snow you've ever shoveled?

JD: One time when I was in junior high school we got 28 inches of snow. It took two or three days for the whole town to dig out.

NM: What's your favorite holiday food?

JD: Tomato pudding. We make it every year at Thanksgiving. It's a family recipe—brown bread, brown sugar, and stewed tomatoes.



STICKY SITUATION: In *Dumb and Dumber*, Jeff gets a taste of trouble.

NM: Do you like your hot cocoa with or without marshmallows?

JD: With marshmallows.

NM: Have you ever really had your tongue stuck to a metal pole?



SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH PONGO: Jeff and the dog in a scene from *101 Dalmatians*.

JD: No. In *Dumb and Dumber*, they used a kind of white sugar on my tongue to make it look like frost.

NM: What about when your tongue was pulled free?

JD: We had about 12 fake tongues, all different lengths. Each tongue screwed into a small plate that I kept in my mouth. The tongue would hang out of my mouth like an elephant's trunk. Then, they glued the end to the pole, and Lauren Holly would yank on my ears until the tongue snapped off.

NM: Did you get to keep any of those tongues?

JD: I did, actually. I gave a couple away, but I have the others at my house. And I'm just waiting for the Smithsonian to call.

NM: You know what it's like to be with 101 dalmatians. Is there anything that you would want 101 of?

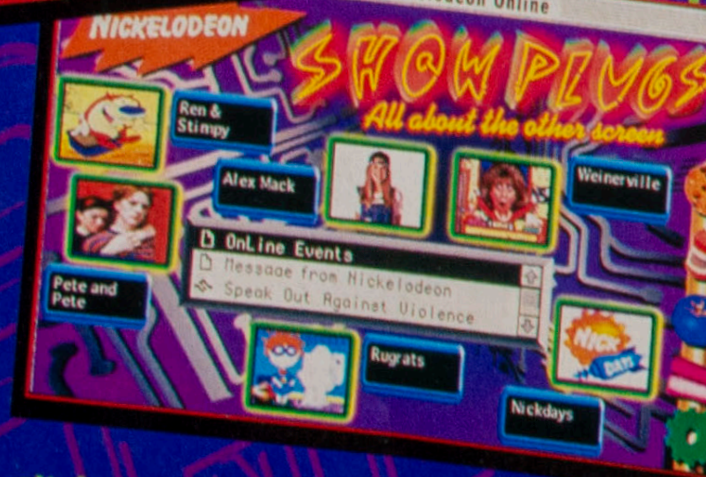
JD: I like to play golf, and when you hit a hole in one, that's great. So I don't want one hole in one, I want 101 holes in one.

Turn the page for more about *101 Dalmatians*.

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Black and White and Fed All Over



Mark Forbes works for a company called Birds & Animals Unlimited. He trained the dogs who play Pongo in *101 Dalmatians*. Mark told us some tales about the movie's many dalmatians.

- Four dogs played the part of Pongo. Their names are Bailey, Jake, Scooter, and Freckles. Bailey is seen in most of the movie. Jake was Bailey's stand-in, and Scooter and Freckles were used mostly for action scenes. "They were a little hard to tell apart at first," Mark says, "but after a little while, you learn to tell the difference."

- Some of the dalmatians in the movie wore special dog makeup to match up spots. "Bailey doesn't have a lot of spots on his face," Mark says, "so when we used one of his doubles, we used the white makeup to cover their facial spots."

- When dalmatians are born, their fur is entirely white. They start getting their black spots when they're about two weeks old, and continue to do so until they are six months old. No two dalmatians have the same pattern of spots.

- More than 300 dogs appeared in *101 Dalmatians*. About 20 litters of dalmatian puppies were trained for the movie, and each litter worked for four weeks. Mark says, "We needed the puppies to start when they were eight weeks old. That was the size and cuteness we had decided we needed."

- The puppies were fed five times a day. A buzzer went off to let the dogs know it was time to eat. The scenes in the movie with all the puppies running together were filmed just as the buzzer sounded and the puppies were rushing to their food.

- Although Bailey and his female costar Maisie (who played Perdy) didn't really care about each other when they first met, they got to be friends during the eight months of training and filming. "By the end, they definitely liked each other and played together," Mark says.

Were they acting dotty?



FACE TO FACE

Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one? **Answer on page 88.**



GREGORY HINES
ACTOR AND DANCER



SCOTTIE PIPPEN
BASKETBALL PLAYER



SPIKE LEE
MOVIE DIRECTOR



I once knew a little Scottie.



BACKSTAGE BASH

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Michael Wickersheimer made some noise with stars backstage at the 1996 MTV Video Music Awards.

Dolores O'Riordan
OF THE CRANBERRIES
What is your favorite snack?
Cornflakes.

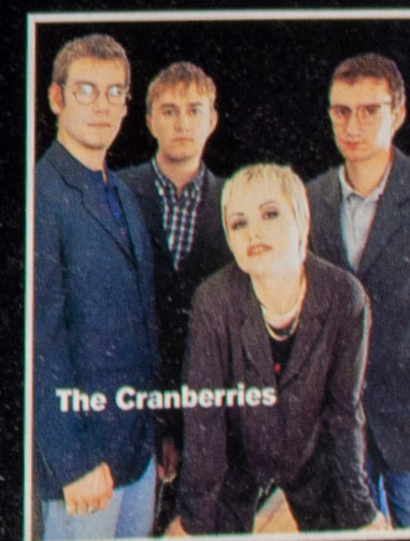
Chris Rock HOST OF
THIS MONTH'S **BILLBOARD**
MUSIC AWARDS
What did you eat for
breakfast today?
A turkey burger. I ran around
all morning and didn't get to
eat until about noon.

Robin Goodridge and **Gavin Rossdale** OF BUSH
What do you think you'd
be doing now if you
weren't musicians?
Robin: We would be
watching musicians.
Gavin: Or we'd be critics.



Kurt Loder
OF MTV NEWS
What instruments do
you play?
I play guitar
and keyboards.

Jenny McCarthy
OF MTV'S **SINGLED OUT**
Do you ever sing while
you're driving?
All the time! I have the
Grease CD in my car and
I sing along with it over
and over.



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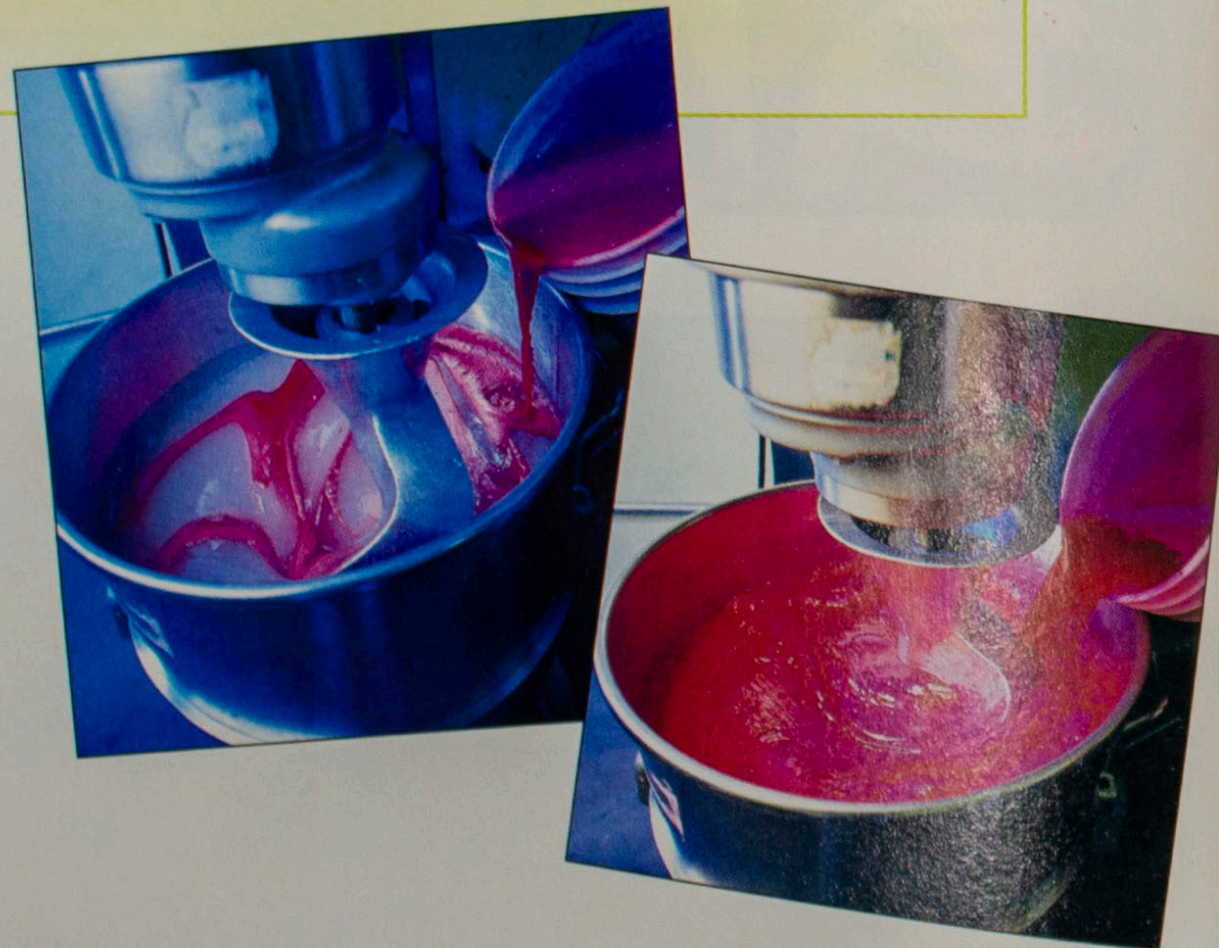
Oozy Does It [®]

Every year, the Cosway Company in Dominguez Hills, California, makes and packages as much as 500,000 gallons of Gak for Nickelodeon and Mattel. We went to the factory to find out just how they hack making all that Gak.

DAY ONE: BLENDING RIGHT IN

Gak is usually made in batches of 1,300 gallons, but a small sample batch of pink was mixed just for us.

Water, coloring, and powdered thickener are slowly mixed with a secret ingredient. (No one at Cosway or Mattel would tell us what the secret ingredient is, even though we are *very good* at keeping secrets.) This mixture is blended until it achieves just the right Gak texture and consistency. Then the Gak is poured into 55-gallon barrels, where it is kept until it is ready to be packaged.



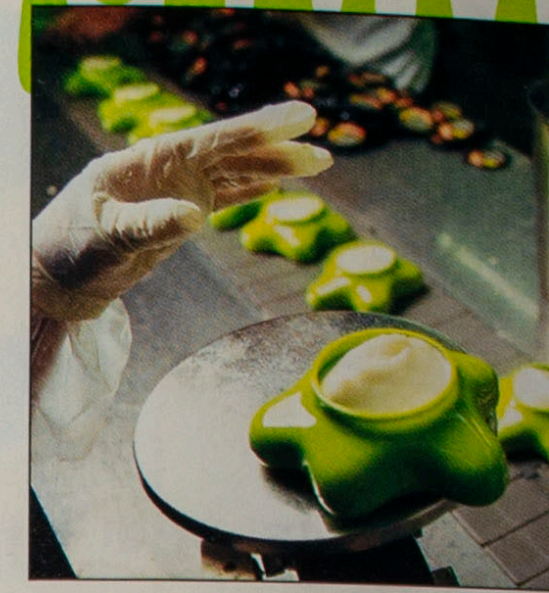
DAY TWO: GET PACKIN'

The next day, a larger batch of Gak in the Dark was being packaged.

1. Twenty-pound blobs of Gak are placed into a funnel-shaped machine called a hopper.



2. Every three seconds, a four-ounce portion of Gak is pushed out the nozzle at the bottom of the hopper. It goes into a plastic "splat" container.



3. The splats are then weighed to make sure each one has the right amount of Gak inside.



4. The splats are then capped and wrapped in plastic.



5. The splats are then placed upside down in clear plastic cups that line slotted trays. One piece of pre-glued cardboard is placed behind each slot.



6. The trays slide through a machine called a blister carder, which uses heat and pressure to stick the clear plastic cup to the cardboard. The packages then slide from the trays, cool for 10 seconds, and go into shipping boxes.

Gak Faks

- Gak is 78 percent water.
- Gak contains guar gum, which is derived from guar seeds. Guar gum is also an ingredient in fat-free cupcakes and cookies.
- Gak's secret ingredient is also used in cosmetics.
- Nine million pounds of Gak have been produced since the first batch was made in 1991.

Top Toon Talent

We spoke to the very animated Craig Bartlett, creator of *Hey Arnold!*

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Did you base Arnold on anyone you know?

Craig Bartlett: Yes. He's based on me, though I didn't grow up in a boardinghouse under an overpass with my grandparents, and I don't have a head shaped like a football. But Arnold is about how I felt as a kid.

NM: Why is Arnold's head shaped like a football?

CB: At first, Arnold was made of clay for short animated features. I melted clay in a pot and then poured it out on wax paper. When the clay cooled, I cut out a bunch of shapes, like cookies. The football shape was just one that I had cut to build him with, and it ended up being his head.

NM: Why did you pick a name like Helga for a character?

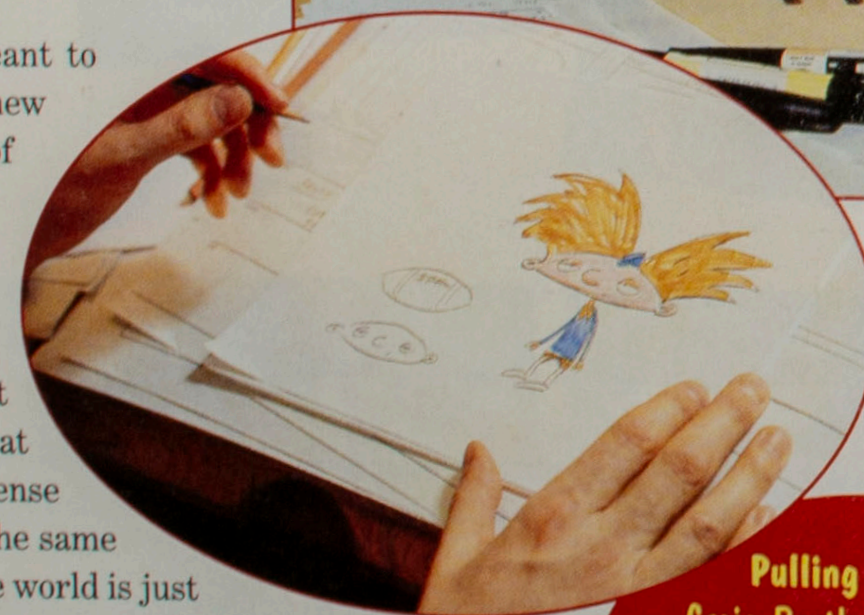
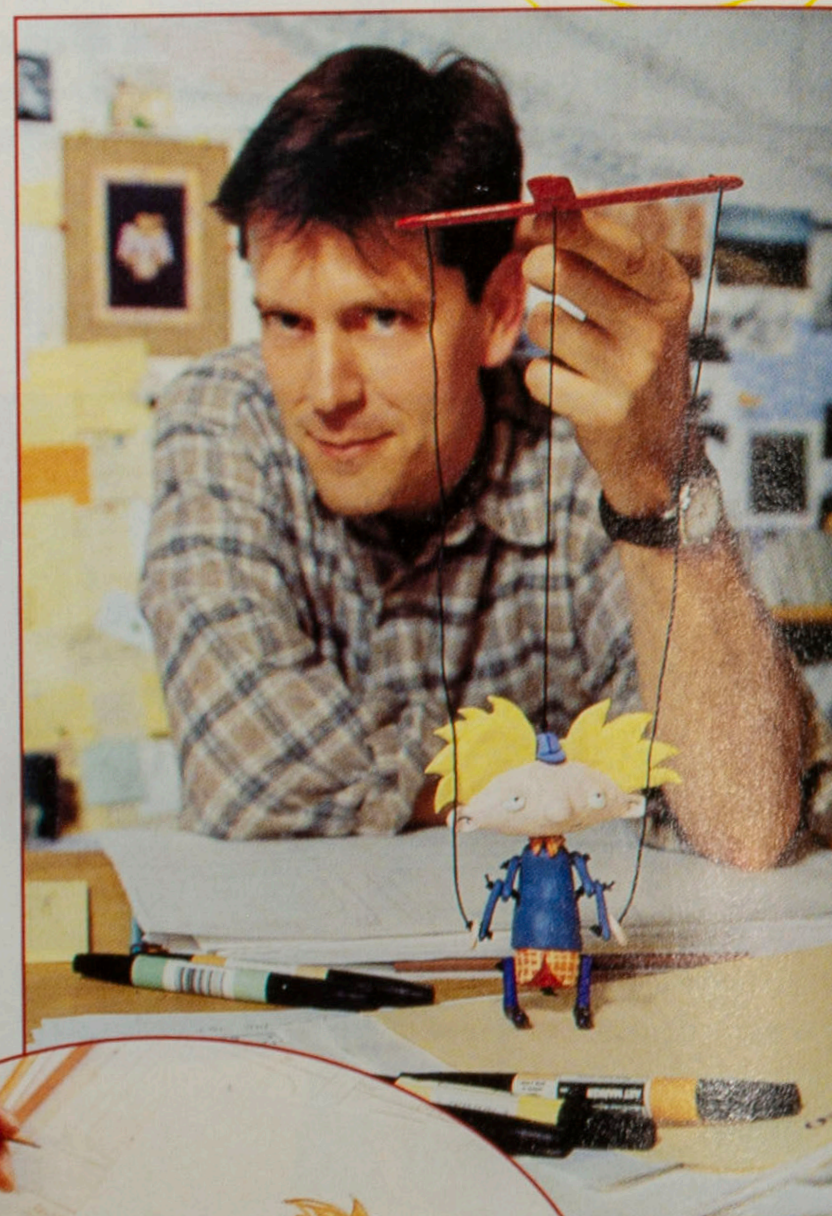
CB: It's because of the Seattle, Washington, neighborhood where I grew up. It was home to a lot of Scandinavians with names like Helga and Lars Larson.

NM: So Arnold's city is based on Seattle?

CB: Yeah. Arnold's neighborhood is meant to look like some of the neighborhoods I knew in Seattle. But it also has a little bit of Brooklyn, New York, in it.

NM: What were the easiest and hardest parts of growing up in a city?

CB: I liked that everything was right nearby. The hardest part, though, was that when I was little I didn't really have a sense of a larger world outside of the city. It's the same with the kids on *Hey Arnold!* Their whole world is just the few blocks between their school and their houses.



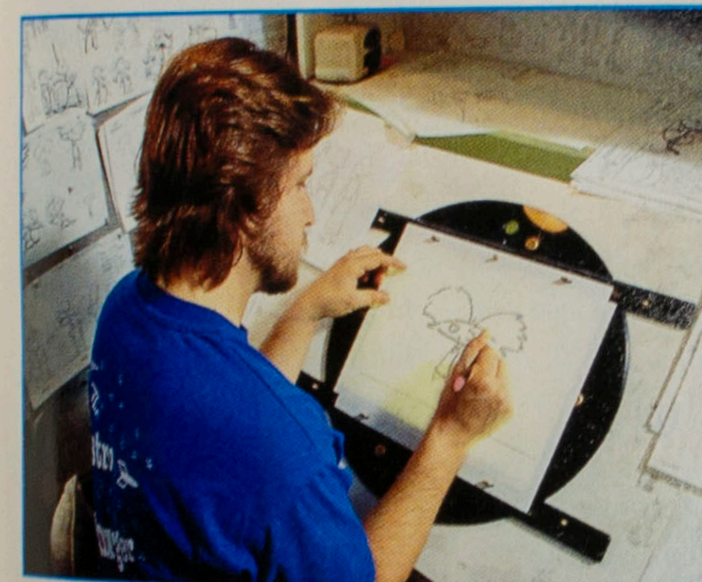
Pulling strings: Craig Bartlett and Arnold (above). Having a ball: An animator draws Arnold, his head, and its look-alike (left).

NM: If you could be one of the *Hey Arnold!* characters, who would you be?

CB: I'd like to be Grandpa. He's just a really fun character to draw and write dialogue for. He's also a good guy and a straight talker.

NM: Who do you think is cooler, Arnold or Arnold Schwarzenegger?

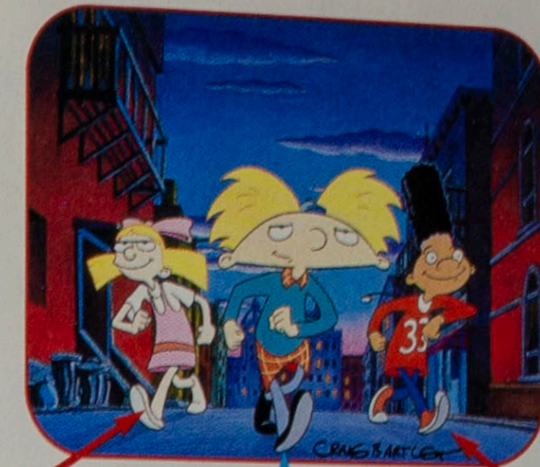
CB: Oooh. Tough question. Well, for now, Arnold Schwarzenegger. I'd like him to do a voice on *Hey Arnold!*



Trace elements: An animator draws Arnold in action (top). The hard cel: A colorist paints Helga onto a cel, or plastic film (bottom). Her gloves keep the cel clean.

Little Big Talkers

by Lindsey von Busch



Helga

Arnold

Gerald

Adults provide the voices for most cartoon characters. But *Hey Arnold!* has real kids doing the talking. We asked a few of them to mouth off about their animated alter egos. **R**



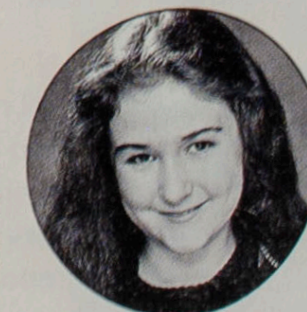
CHARACTER: Arnold, fourth grade

VOICE BY: Toran Caudell, ninth grade

HOW THEY'RE THE SAME: "Arnold and I both have big imaginations, blond hair, and pet pigs."

HOW THEY'RE DIFFERENT: "I'm very outgoing, while Arnold is quiet most of the time."

ODD JOBS: Guest appearances on *Roseanne* and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.



CHARACTER: Helga, fourth grade

VOICE BY: Francesca Smith, seventh grade

HOW THEY'RE THE SAME: "We're both artistic, intelligent, emotional, and dramatic."

HOW THEY'RE DIFFERENT: "I'm very close to my family, but Helga doesn't like hers."

ODD JOB: Guest appearance on *Blossom*.



CHARACTER: Gerald, fourth grade






VOICE BY: Jamil Smith, ninth grade

HOW THEY'RE THE SAME: "Like Gerald, I'm a loyal friend who's outgoing, creative, and soulful."

HOW THEY'RE DIFFERENT: "My hair is only two inches tall, not twelve."

ODD JOB: Guest appearances on *Sister, Sister*.

Best Space Case Scenarios

CHARACTER	ABILITY
 HARLAN	A Leader and superathlete
 SUZE	B Mind reading
 RADU	C Superhearing and superstrength
 ROSIE	D Radiates heat
 BOVA	E Generates electricity

Each kid on *Space Cases* has a special ability. Using the key to the left, figure out which character could help you solve each of the problems below. Then circle the correct letter (or letters). **Answers on page 88.**

- You're on a camping trip, and all the adults have disappeared. There's complete chaos. Who can take charge?
A B C D E
- Your father is on the phone with your teacher, talking about your math grade. You can hear your dad just fine, but which *two* Space Cases can help you find out what your teacher is saying?
A B C D E
- A big winter storm has knocked out the power in your house. Which *two* Space Cases could help you?
A B C D E
- Your brother says he hasn't been reading your diary. Who can tell you if he is lying?
A B C D E
- Your parents are down the hall, talking about the family's surprise vacation destination. Which *two* Space Cases could tell you where you're going?
A B C D E
- You overslept, and now your oatmeal is too cold to eat. Which Space Case can warm it up?
A B C D E
- Halfway through a long car trip, your Gameboy's batteries run out. Who can give your batteries a boost?
A B C D E
- Your street hockey ball has rolled under your neighbor's car and is out of reach. Who could move the car for you?
A B C D E
- You're outside and your hands are freezing because you forgot your mittens. Whose hand do you want to hold?
A B C D E
- At a gymnastics fundraiser, Kerri Strug hurts her ankle again. Who can take her place on the coed team?
A B C D E

Space Cases airs
Saturdays at 8:30 PM*.

Where you ask Nickelodeon's president, Herb Scannell, anything you want. **R**

Hey, Herb!



Do you like to play in the snow?

Yes, I love snow. I'll never forget the snowstorm we had when I was about eight years old. After the storm, a snowplow left a pile of snow that was taller than a house.

The other kids and I turned the heap into a snow fort and played in it for three weeks—until it melted.

Do you like ice-skating?

No, I can't skate. And I think that's one of the reasons I'm not a big hockey fan.

What's the best present you've ever received?

When I was 10, I got a five-speed Sting-Ray bicycle with U-shape handlebars and a yellow-and-silver-speckled banana seat for Christmas. It was like getting a car. I scored big that year.

If you have questions for Herb, send them to:

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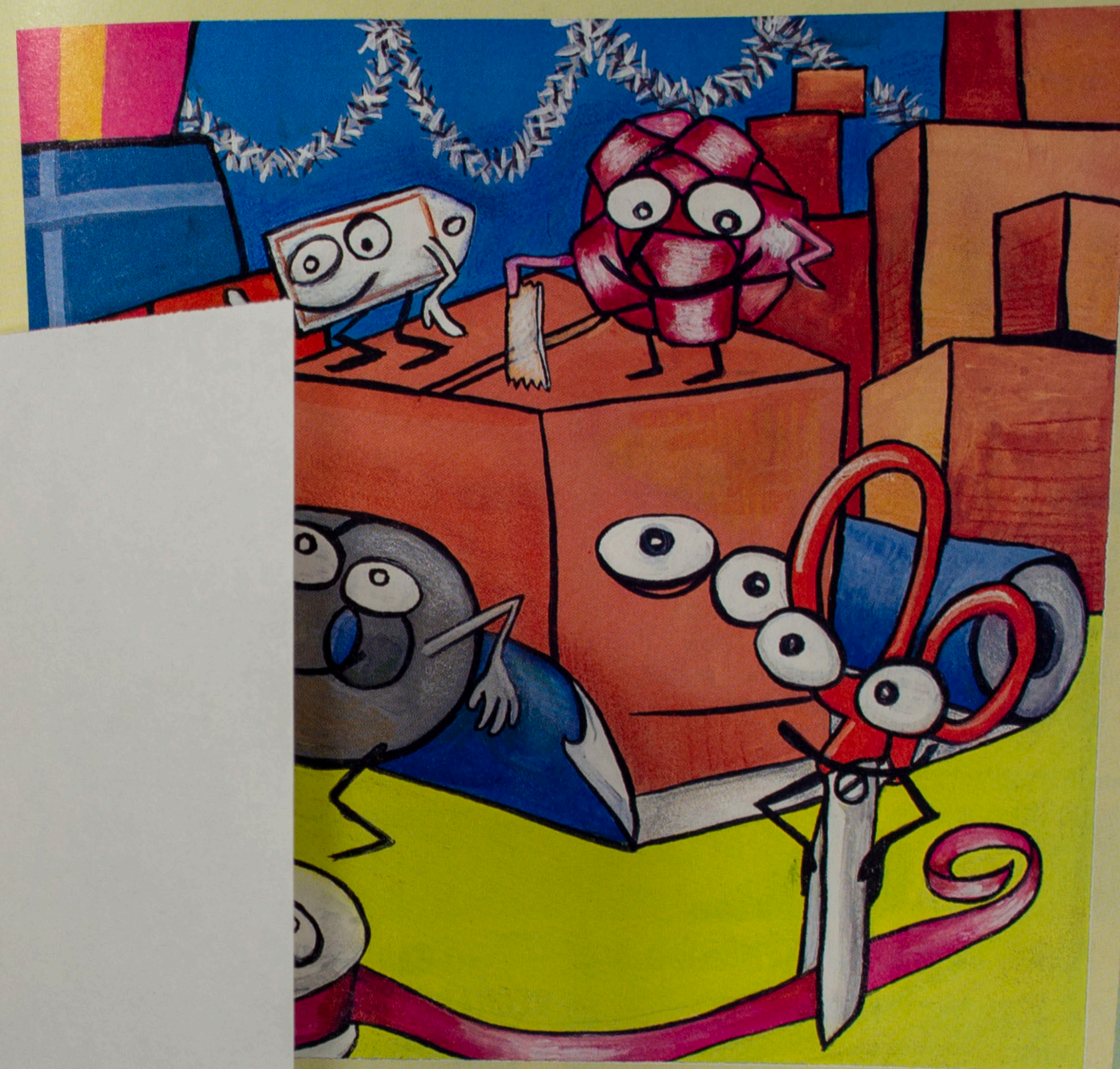
The Rugrats save Grandpa Boris from the plans of his childhood rival Shlomo (also known as the "Meany" of Hanukkah) on the *Rugrats* Hanukkah special, which airs on Wednesday, December 4, at 8 PM*.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT

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A
5. You're lost in the forest. How can you find your way?
A
6. You're hungry. What can you eat?
A
7. You're cold. How can you warm up?
A
8. Your street hockey ball is stuck under your car. How can you get it out?
A

Where you ask Nickelodeon's anything you want. **E**

Do you like to play?
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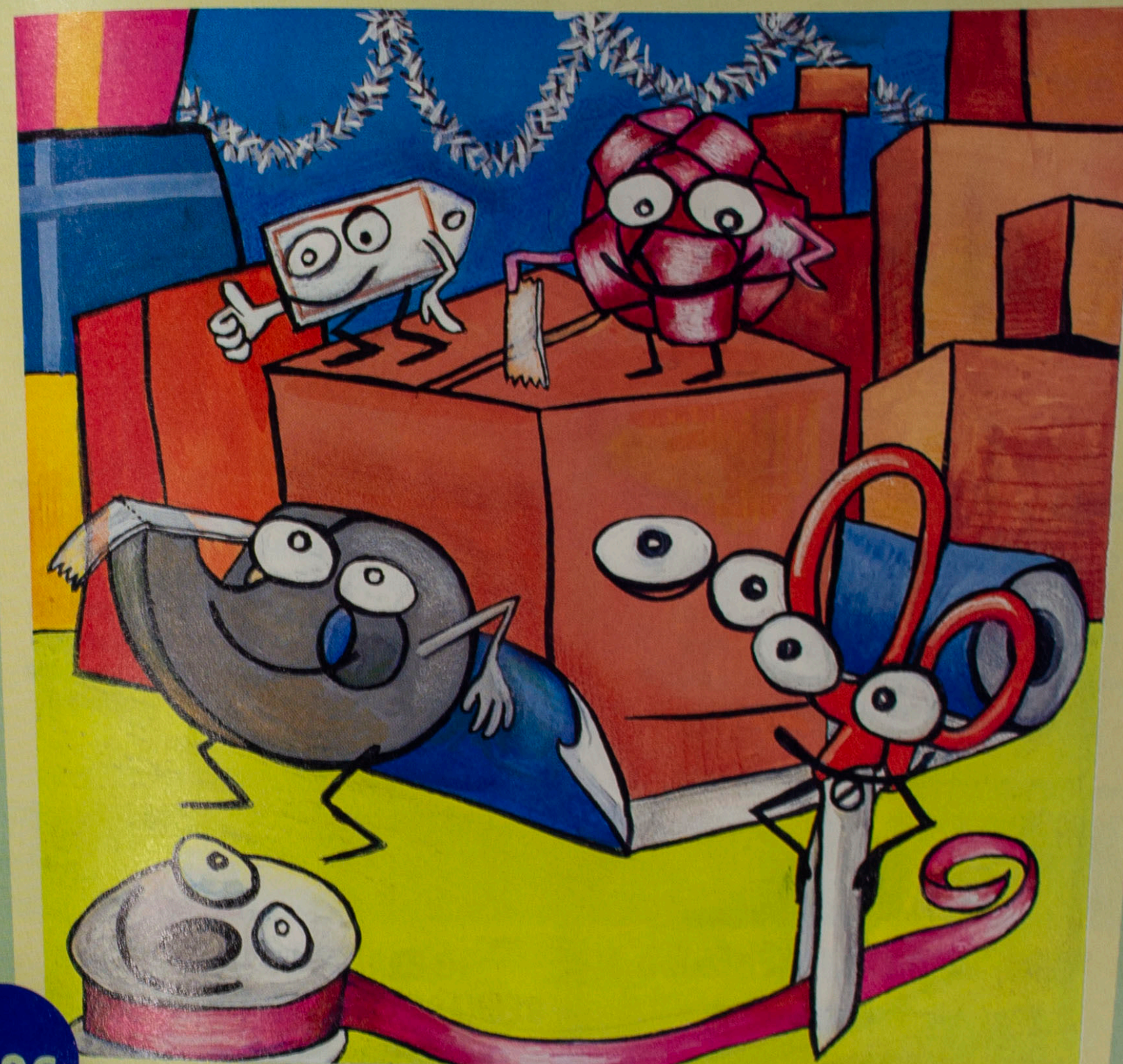
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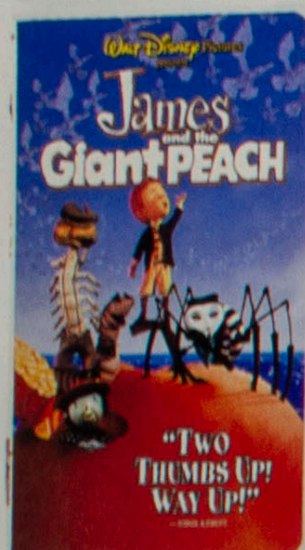
C = Can't Live Without It

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GO TO IT!

JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH



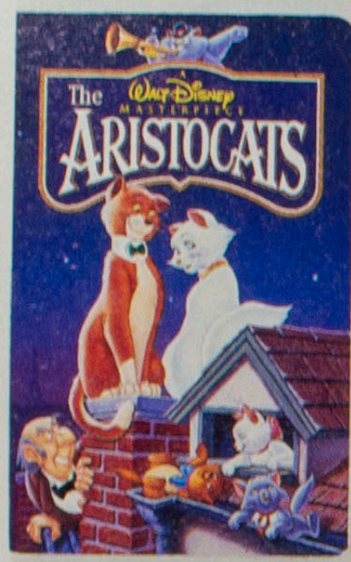
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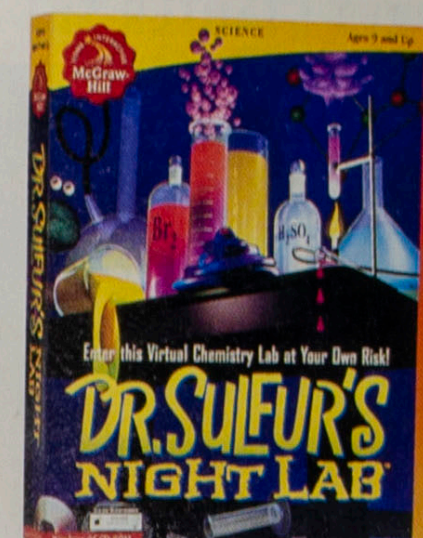
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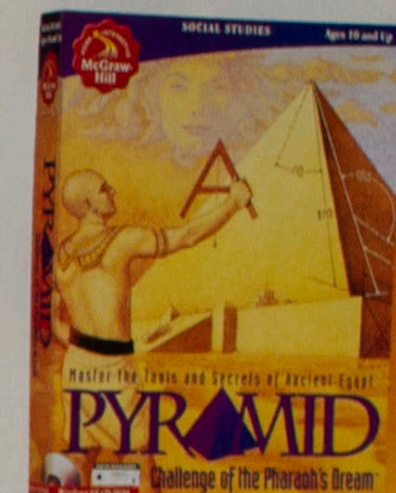
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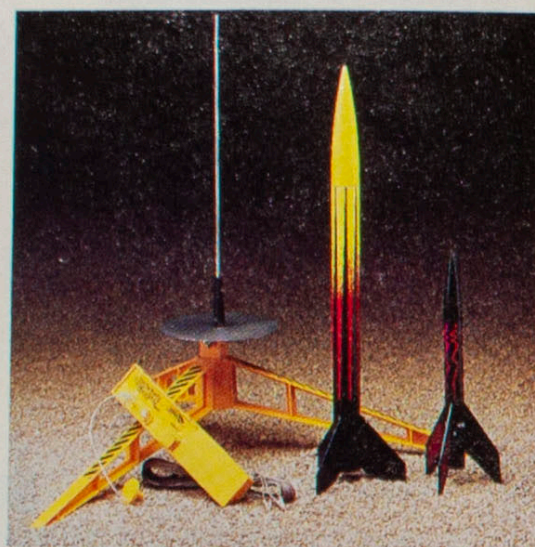


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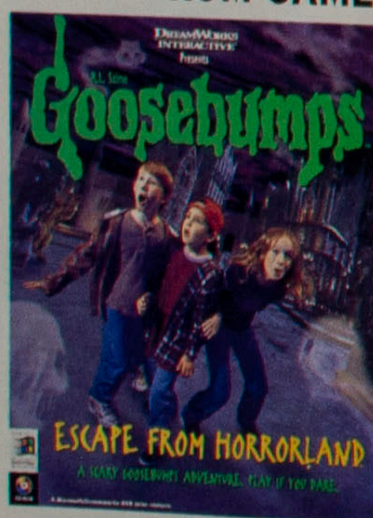
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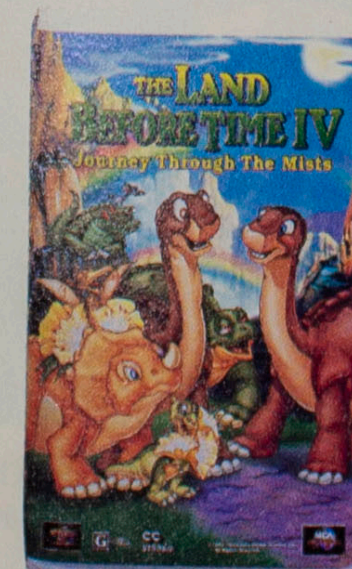
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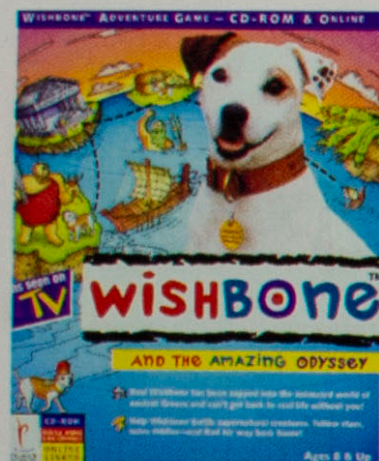
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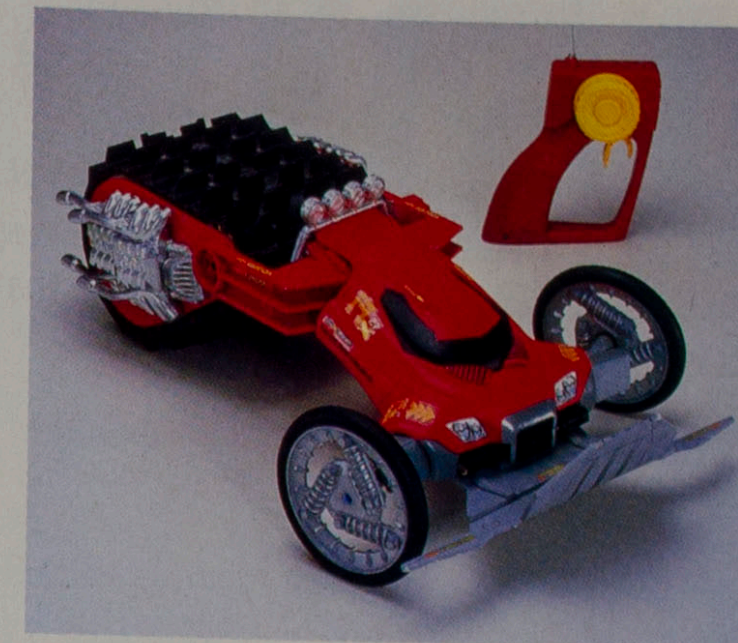
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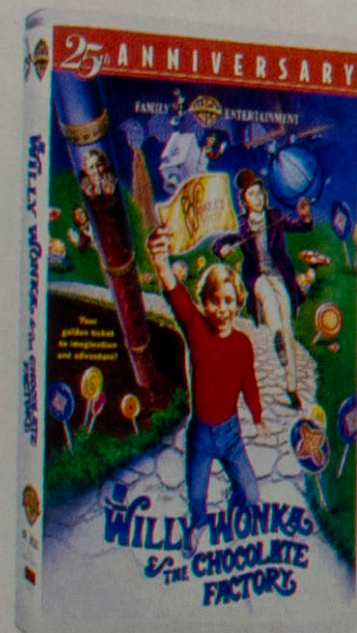
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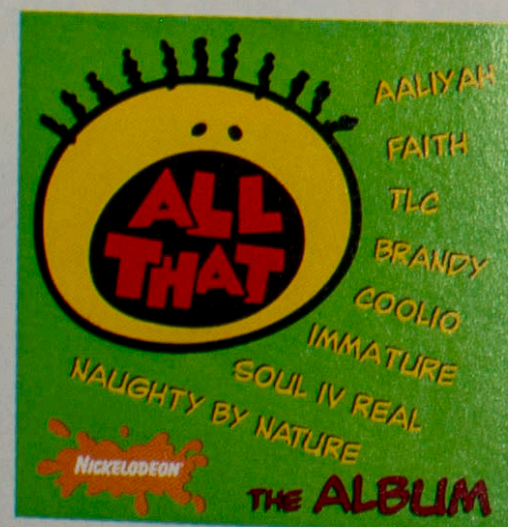


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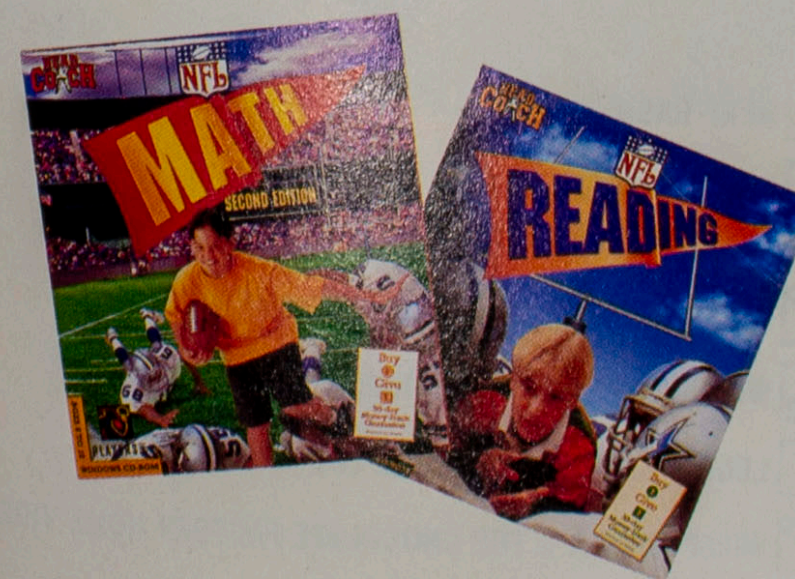
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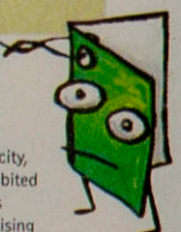
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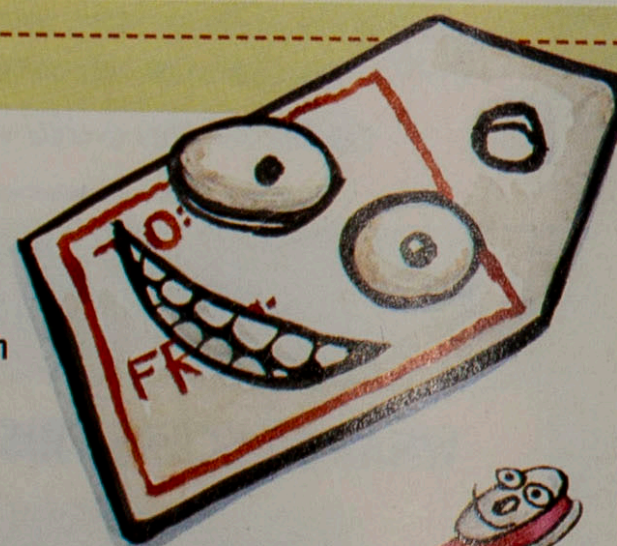
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Courtney R., age 8
Merrimack, New Hampshire

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I know a sport that dogs like to do,
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You can throw the Frisbee high or low,
The dog should leap right off his toes.
He will catch the disc in his jaws,
Not on his tail, ears, or paws.
I have a dog who can catch this Frisbee,
His name is Dexter, and his hair is frizzy.

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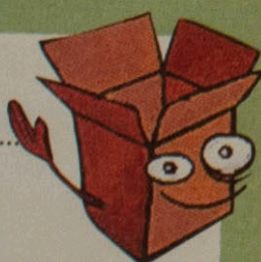
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I hate football and this is why,
You get beat up and you can't deny.
Oh, no! Look out! Your arm is broken!
And all too soon, you could be croakin'.
Your hand, it's bleeding, blistered, and cut.
And near the end of the game, you get kicked in the butt.
I know this poem is a little bit gory,
I hate golf, too, but that's another story.

Sylvia M., age 9
Gardena, California



My favorite golfer
is Tiger Woods.



RUNNERS UP

Horseplay

Harry tries to run the best he can.
But as a runner, he's like a pedestrian.
So he bought some tack,
Jumped on the back
Of a horse and became an equestrian.

Caitlin W., age 12
Raleigh, North Carolina

From a Girl's Point of View

There once was a girl who played soccer,
And all of the boys used to mock her.
She got very mad
Because she thought girls had
Every right to play soccer.

Laura A., age 8
Austin, Texas

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the next page.

MORE RUNNERS UP

Basketball

Basketball, basketball—
You could be short, you could be tall,
Almost any size at all.
It's cool to dunk, it's cool to slam.
But everyone wants to *jam*!
Can you dribble?
Can you shoot?
You must get the ball in the hoop!

Kendra H., age 11
Bolingbrook, Illinois

Pole-Vaulting

As I sit in my seat,
I see an athlete
Trying to clear
A number of feet.
Then the athlete runs
Down a runway so small
That he doesn't have
Much time at all.
Then he has to be up and
Over the crossbar so high,
And then he falls on a soft pad
And lands with a sigh!

Laurie Jean B., age 12
Norris City, Illinois

Archery

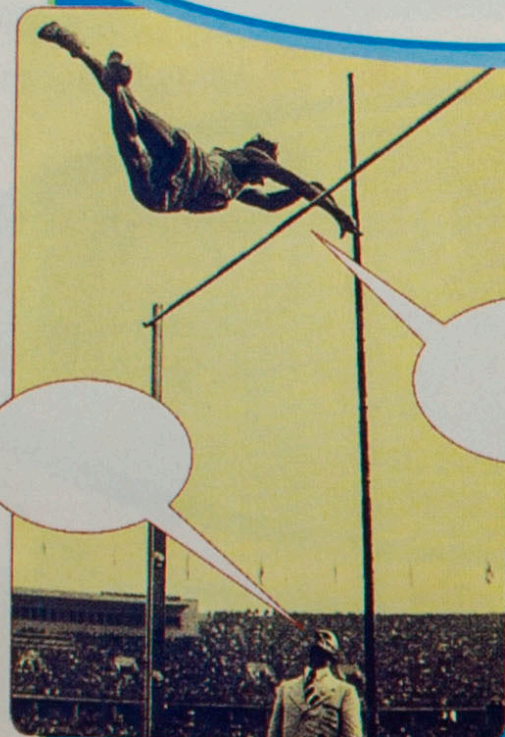
I think there's a sport just for me.
It involves an arrow, target, and tree.
You shoot with a bow,
This sport as you know
Is what we call archery.

Robert Y., age 11
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Thanks for being such
good sports. You set
new records in poesy.

Say What? August

We asked you to give this jumper and this judge something to say. Here are the entries that went over big with us.



Judge: Don't worry. What goes up must come down.

Jumper: That's what I'm afraid of.

Jenna B., age 10
Almont, Michigan

Judge: How did you do that?

Jumper: My father was a frog.

Jason R., age 13
Cochran, Pennsylvania

Judge: Darn that Duane. He's gotten into the pixie dust again!

Jumper: I'm flying! Flying! Look at me. Way up high. I'm flying.

Alana S., age 11
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Judge: Is that a skirt you're wearing?

Jumper: No, it's a jumper!

Jean C., age 10
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Jumper: Just a little bit more and we'll score the three points and win the game.

Judge: The ball is supposed to go over—not the kicker.

Jenny S., age 12
Strongsville, Ohio

Jumper: What happened to the mat?

Judge: Budget cuts.

Sara L., age 13
Laguna Niguel, California

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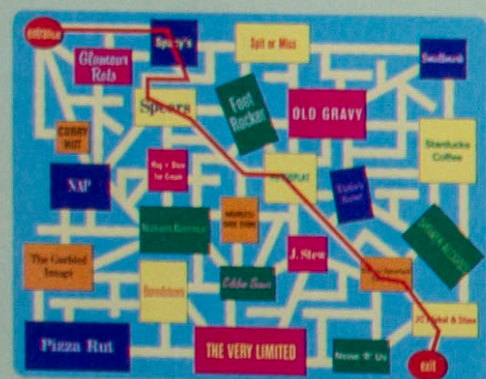
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WHAT'S IN STORE (page 27)

The quickest way out of the mall is through these **five** stores: Spacy's, Spears, Fotosplat, Barney Snowball Bookstore, and JC Nickel & Dime.



A PIECE OF CAKE (page 31)

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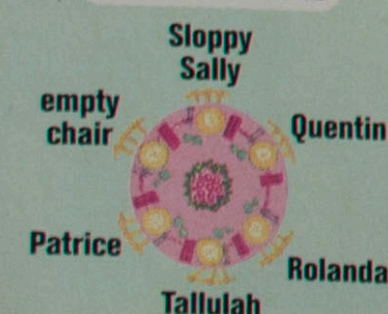
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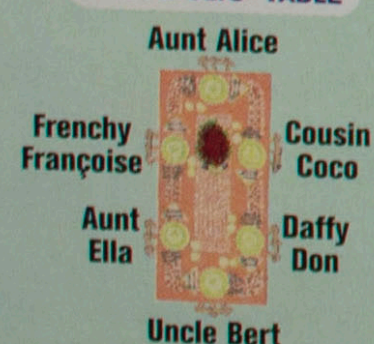
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IS THIS SEAT TAKEN? (page 20)

THE KIDS' TABLE



THE ADULTS' TABLE



We're afraid we made a mistake in our Bruce Coville interview in the October issue. The title was "Living on Fear Street"—but Bruce doesn't live on Fear Street, and he doesn't write the *Fear Street* books. R.L. Stine does. We're frightfully sorry.

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HOLD THE FIGGY PUDDING

by David Lewman

Eventually, even *you* will have had enough holiday food. But when? Here are some clues to tell when you're ready to go back to everyday fare.



1. You've eaten so much chocolate that Hershey sends you a thank-you note.
2. The oversize pants Aunt Thelma gave you are actually starting to fit.
3. You hear yourself say, "Hold the whipped cream."
4. You bite the heads off gingerbread men and just throw the rest away.
5. You can explain the difference between icing and frosting.
6. When you go caroling, you sing, "Don't bring us some figgy pudding." *Go figgy-ure.*
7. After sledding, you warm up with a mug of gravy sprinkled with mini-marshmallows.
8. You make it seem like you've eaten more dessert by spreading it around your plate.
9. You look forward to school lunch.
10. Your stomach feels like there's a Jingle-Bell Rock inside it.



I'm QZ (that's short for QZXIXZQ), and I'm from the planet Zittlitz. I know about everything in the universe and a lot about some other places, too. So ask me a question about anything, and I'll give you cosmic clarification.

DEAR ALIEN

Dear QZ:

If you were on Earth and you needed glasses, where would you get them?

Zahra H.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Zahra:

One time while visiting your little planet, I had an eye examination. The chart on the wall said:

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In Zittlitzian, that translates to "Hey, QZ, you don't need glasses."

Dear QZ:

Can I borrow \$20?

Jessica H.
Woodstock, New York

Jessica:

Yes, you certainly can! But not from me.

Sorry, but due to the Sub-Bowersians illegally opening mail on Stacius-20, QZ cannot answer every letter.

Dear QZ:

I would like to know what your favorite music group is.

Allison F.
Yuba City, California

Allison:

I live to hear Live, and Oasis is simply "Wonderwall." I can't leaf the room if a Bush song is on, and The Cranberries are quite saucy. Nirvana is heaven to hear. And maybe you, too, like U2 as much as I do.

Dear QZ:

How far can you hear with your ears?

Michael R.
Geneva, Illinois

Michael:

When I hold a seashell up to my ear, not only can I hear the sea, I can hear what all the humans who are also holding shells to their ears are thinking.

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